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'Where's the party?' Look to Club Mecca

By FREDERICK L. MERKERSON III
Staff Writer

Indianapolis' attractiveness, wealth of activities and low crime-rate has made Indiana's capital an ideal place to settle down and raise a family.

But what does the Circle City have to offer singles in their mid-20s who often want and need to go out to a nice Black nightclub to mix and mingle on the weekend?

Teena Tinsley, 26, and others looking for a live nightspot in Indianapolis seem to have selected Club Mecca, 2802 Merchants Dr., as the venue of choice.

"The club scene in Indianapolis isn't very good, but I really like Club Mecca," she said.

Mecca has been attracting an estimated

1,300 to 1,600 people on weekends since it opened its doors in late September.

Conversely, Tinsley said that a nightclub's present success can negatively impact its prospective prosperity.

"The variety of clubs to choose from is very limited in this city," she said. "Without variety, (a club) becomes stale."

In an effort to keep things fresh, Mecca runs a schedule of sort that attracts different people on different nights.

• Thursday — hip-hop night is open to anyone 21 and over.

• Friday — Latino night is also open to anyone over the age of 21 who enjoys Latin music.

• Saturday — Saturday night live is open to women who are 21 and over and

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Club Mecca is gaining the reputation as the place to be in a city, which doesn't have much to offer young party-seekers. (photo / Mike Patton)

American Legion honors Medal of Honor winner



Special to The Recorder

Cpl. Andrew Jackson Smith recently received honors for being the recipient of the coveted Medal of Honor at Tillman H. Harpole American Legion Post 249, just under 137-years after his act of heroism during the Civil War. A flag raising ceremony honoring Cpl. Smith took place at the post's Avenue of Flags, which is dedicated to those African Americans who have received the distinguished award.

Cpl. Smith, 55th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry, Clinton, Illinois, distinguished himself on Nov. 30, 1864, by saving his regimental colors, after the color bearer was shot during a bloody charge called the Battle of Honey Hill.

Cpl. Smith's family, some who live in Indianapolis, received the award from President Clinton during ceremonies in January at the White House.

Through his actions, the regimental colors of the 55th Infantry Regiment were

not lost to the enemy. Cpl. Smith's extraordinary valor, in the face of deadly fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, the 55th Regiment, and the United States Army.

Cpl. Smith is the 3,411 service member to receive the Medal of Honor for his action. Seventy-seven African Americans have received 78 of these medals. One sailor, Seaman Robert Sweeny received his first one in 1881 and the second in 1883.

The medicine woman Trailblazing Black nurse honored

By OSEYE T. BOYD
Staff Writer

Oneida Miller Stuart may not be a familiar name to most Indianapolis residents, but to many local nurses she's someone very special. A celebration honoring Stuart was held Tuesday at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Oneida Miller Stuart was the first Black nurse on staff at Veterans Hospital. Not only

was she the first Black nurse at the hospital, Stuart and Frances Bell Stone were the first two Black persons to be admitted to Indianapolis City Hospital, now Wishard Hospital, for training.

Stuart graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1938 and was admitted to nursing school at the hospital in 1940. Oblivious to the fact she's a trailblazer, Stuart credits God and other people to helping her achieve her goals. Being Black didn't sway Stuart's vision of what she could do. She made up her mind to face the problems and

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Oneida Miller Stuart

Coming out of the dark

Local prostitutes share how they've changed their lives

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER
Staff Writer

Helen, age 37, describes her lifestyle as "dating." She always requests her money before agreeing to anything, and typically has repeat clients. Her days as a dancer eventually gave way to unemployment.

"I don't know how long I've been dating," said Helen, seemingly unaware of the years spent selling her body.

Ms. Smith never imagined that rough times would result in a life changing experience.

Survival became her primary goal through quick money and drugs.

"When jobs start getting a little funny, you take what you can. At first I gave up," she said.

In 1997, Smith started using drugs heavily. She frequently relied on alcohol, pain pills, and crack cocaine for comfort.

This lifestyle eventually led to prostitution and a long road to recovery.

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Molding minds, shaping the future

Pat Payne directs multicultural education for a diverse population

By OSEYE T. BOYD
Staff Writer

Generation Xers can remember Saturday mornings watching ABC's "Schoolhouse Rock" cartoon about America being a giant melting pot.

The song lyrics touted America as the place to be "they brought their countries' customs, their language and their ways ... how great to be an American and something else as well." In the melting pot differences are to be celebrated and respected. That's a good theory, but how do you turn that theory into reality?

Well, Indianapolis Public Schools and Pat Payne, director of IPS Crispus Attucks

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Puff Daddy rocks fashion world

Model sports a sheered mink trench coat with leather trim, a cashmere turtleneck and bonded leather 5 pocket pants during the Sean John Fall 2001 fashion show in New York. For more on the collection by Sean "Puffy" Combs, turn to page C-1.

Staff and Wire reports

Butler University event cancellation

The Tuesday, Feb. 27 presentation of Songs and Stories in the Gullah Tradition has been canceled by Butler University.

Participate in strategic planning

The Indianapolis Commission on African-American males invites the community to participate in a strategic planning process to identify critical issues affecting the African-American community. The present state of the African-American community will be assessed and solutions posed to overcome quality of life challenges in five key focus areas: health, family, education, employment, and criminal justice. The community meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Crispus Attucks Middle School, 1140 Dr. Martin Luther King St. For more information call Lyman Rhodes, ICAAM director, at 327-5775.

Airport honors Black aviators

Famous African-American aviators are honored in the Freedom Fliers displays at the Indianapolis International Airport. Banners and posters feature photographs of six Black aviators, who distinguished themselves in military or commercial aviation careers. The six aviators are:

- Eugene Bullard — the world's first Black combat pilot.
- Bessie Coleman — the first Black woman to earn her pilot's license.
- Willa Chappell — the first Black woman to earn a commercial pilot's license.
- Robert Glass — a highly decorated combat pilot from Tuskegee Institute.
- Charles Hall — the first Black combat pilot to down an enemy plane.
- "Chappie" James — the first Black 4-star general in the Air Force.

A look at former slave's son

Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:30p.m. WFYI, Channel 20's "Across Indiana" will present "Doc's Boys" the story of a Martinsville Black man who helped underprivileged boys by providing a neighborhood club.

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House committee approves Porter bill in favor of charter schools

(AP)—The implementation of a charter school program is one step closer to becoming a reality for Indiana school corporations.

The House Committee on Education approved House Bill 2102, authored by State Rep. Gregory Porter, D-Indianapolis, which would allow a school corporation to issue a charter to a non-profit organization to establish a charter school. The bill is expected to move on the full House of Representatives now for consideration.

"There are benefits to having charter schools as a part of the public school system," said Porter. "Charter schools are one way to expand options and parental choice within public schools."

Regulators are taking steps to reclaim unused phone numbers to ease the state's dwindling supply of available numbers.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission said that it plans to reclaim numbers that have not been activated or are not being used, according to an agency news release.

The commission is also asking utilities for proof that prefix codes have been activated or that assignment of the numbers is under way. Phone companies have six months to activate a prefix or return it for use by other carriers.

The recovery of numbers is beginning in Indiana's congested 219 area code, which covers the northern one-third of the state. An estimated 30,000 numbers may be obtained in that region. In central and southern Indiana, another 190,000 numbers could be freed up, the news release said.

The commission continues to study the number shortage in the 219 area code. Even with number rationing, officials estimate that all available numbers there will be exhausted by early 2003.

One solution under consideration is splitting the 219 region into two service areas and creating a new area code, the IURC said.

The Indiana House has approved a bill that would replace the state's curfew law with a measure that includes exceptions for youths engaged in activities protected by the Constitution.

The House voted 86-0 to pass the bill, which is designed to give police an enforceable curfew while federal courts continue to analyze the state's existing law. The previous curfew was struck down last summer because it did not afford minors enough rights.

The Senate passed an identical measure earlier.

The revised legislation would permit exceptions for youths who are engaged in religious, free speech or assembly activities with the permission of their parents during late-night hours.

Indiana's curfew law made it illegal for youths under age 15 to be in a public place without their parents after 11 p.m. or before 5 a.m. on any day of the week. The law for those between the ages of 15 and 17 differed only on weekends, when they were barred from being out between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

The House has approved a bill that would waive court fees for people seeking orders of protection and allow the enforcement of protective orders issued by other states.

House members voted 93-0 to pass the bill, which eliminates filing fees for anyone seeking an order of protection. The measure also provides for protective orders issued out of state to be registered with Indiana authorities.

Rep. Linda Lawson, D-Hammond, sponsored the bill. Sen. Murray Clark, R-Indianapolis, is seeking similar legislation in the Senate. Fewer than 20 states, including Indiana, require that domestic abuse victims pay fees for the orders. Indiana counties each decide how to administer the \$100 fee, and some waive it.

men who are 25 and over.

"From a numbers stand point we're pleased," said Marcel Bonds, one of 13 Mecca co-owners. "But, we don't know if we're doing so well because we're the new thing."

Like designer clothes and popular music, the club industry is undeniably a business of trends and fads, which makes it hard for club owners to establish and sustain a hot club for an extended period of time.

The average nightclub only stays open for a little over two years.

It's a tendency and test that Mecca representatives say they are conscious of and want to overcome.

"We're looking for longevity and the only way to get it is to keep our customers happy," said Bonds. "One thing that helps us, is that we know African Americans love to party and we're going to continue to party as long as music is good. That's what we want to provide people with — a place for the African-American population to go out and have fun in a safe and unique environment."

Bonds said Mecca has a unique ability to attract and professionally host national recording artists on a regular basis. R&B star Carl Thomas and rappers Scarface and Juvenile have already performed at the club and 112 is scheduled to perform later.

The idea of offering national stars for affordable prices, seems to be working just as it did at the owners' previous club — The Sugar Shack, which closed after 18 months as Indy's premiere African-American nightclub.

The Shack gained the reputation as the place to be, due in part to its downtown location and attraction of national acts. It was also the only Black business downtown that wasn't located in Circle Centre mall at the time.

Yet, the club owners never extended their lease on the location.

"A lot of the other businesses, like Hollywood Bar & Filmworks really didn't want us down there,"

said Bonds. "Some of the other businesses, were nervous because they just weren't used to 1,000 people in the middle of the street at three in the morning when the club closed."

"With all of the pressures from some of the other business owners, we just felt that it would be better if we looked at owning are own building and moving away from the downtown area," he added.

"We're in the best location we can be now and we own it," he said.

Still, Bonds added that the club business is a risky business based on hefty investments, forecasting, and client satisfaction and behavior. Countless factors including red tape and politics play into opening and operating a nightclub. For example, it is impossible for an entrepreneur to open a club without a liquor license, which aren't currently being issued by Indianapolis. The city can only issue a specific number of licenses based on the city's population. Consequently, owners are forced to attempt to buy licenses from other owners for anywhere between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Entrepreneurs must also get permission from nearby businesses and the local neighborhood association to open a club in the community.

"There have been instances where potential club owners have purchased a license and purchased and renovated their place, only to be blocked by the neighborhood," said Bonds. "Then you're stuck."

He said, "It's important for nightclubs to work well with its surrounding community. We've been really involved in forming alliances to build up the neighborhood association we're located in."

There are even more business matters that go into keeping the doors of a profitable club open like balancing expenditures (supplies, staff, promotions, etc.) with nightly revenue. Some clubs spend up to \$3,000 a night, hoping to just match it in earnings. Some clubs don't

and that's why they end up closing.

"As we all know it takes quite a while for a business to show any type of profit," said Joe Smith, president of Mecca's board of directors. "Any money that comes into the business serves as payment for all the money we invested in it."

The keenest entrepreneur still doesn't have total control of the success of the club or more importantly the clientele in it.

"You really can't control how people are going to act, especially when you're serving alcohol," said Bonds. "All you can do is take preventative measures to defuse the situation as early as possible."

Mecca has an inside security staff of 15 and two to eight IPD officers patrolling outside. Violence in nightclubs is a contributing factor in how long the business will keep its doors open, not just because people tend not to go somewhere they don't feel safe, but also because it's bad for business.

Every time the police are called to a club to address an altercation, an incident report is filed. When the liquor board reviews the club's history for license renewal, they check the number and severity of incidents at the club. A large number of reports or a few violent ones can turn Indy's hottest club into a "public nuisance."

Bonds said the majority of club closings derive from aspects of commerce.

"I think more clubs close because of business practices," said Bonds. "In any business if you don't practice good business, you're not going to be open."

"Then, sometimes a club can just run its course where people aren't coming out anymore," said Bonds, "and from a business standpoint the owner decides to shut down before he loses money."

There are currently three major night clubs that cater to Blacks who are in their 20s — True Playaz, The Barritz and Mecca.

Radio One program director Tony Lamont, who has over 20

years of experience in the club business says, the risky entrepreneurial venture can also be a profitable one.

"It's definitely risky," he said, "but the reason that you take that risk is because it's just like any other business. It's an entrepreneurial endeavor and you say I think I can do it. It makes good business when you consider how much money you have the possibility of making."

Lamont added that a nightclub's social value to the city is inestimable. Business deals are done there. Friendships are established and relationships are ignited.

"There's a pride in having a place you can call your own," said the former co-owner of Fitzgeralds. "There's a pride in having somewhere you can go to have a good time without having any problems. When you leave that place, you're leaving with a smile on your face and looking forward to doing the experience again."

"Anytime you have things like that in your life, it's going to make life better," he added.

Bonds said the owners of Mecca have always enjoyed watching people have fun, and hope to be doing it for a long time.

"For the most part when you come to Club Mecca everyone seems to be having a good time," said Bonds. "It's a good feeling to know that you've put out a product that people are enjoying and willing to come back for. That's gratifying even before the money."

He said, "We're really trying to establish longevity. I have an 8-year-old son and would love to see him own the club 15 years from now."

Only time will tell if Bonds' son will join the group of Mecca owners or peers asking, "Where's the party?"

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"I've been beat up on the streets, and they've pulled weapons on me," recalls Smith.

These dangerous encounters also involved police officers, who arrested her for intoxication and prostitution.

After examining her life, Smith decided to make a change and entered a job-training program with Indianapolis Network for Employment Training (INET). A positive attitude and increased self-esteem allows her to set realistic goals for herself.

Although her four children live with her parents, she visits them regularly and looks forward to a brighter future.

"I'm breathing now," she added, smiling at her triumph. "I had to beat it someday. I never want to go through it again."

Choices for Change reaches out to women and men in need of help. This comprehensive program started five years ago, and offers employment programs, GED classes, computer training as well as safe housing opportunities. It is based out of the Homeless Initiative Program, located at 1835 N. Meridian St.

"There are people with a lot of barriers to gaining employment," said Sharon Stark, employment and training supervisor of Choices for Change. "Most of the women that we have who have prostituted, have done so because of substance abuse."

By making a choice to change their lifestyles, Stark hopes women and men prostitutes find long term stability through programs like Choices for Change. She credits her staff members with treating clients fairly without judging their circumstances.

Drug treatment, emotional counseling, and overall well-being initiatives are implemented to further increase self-esteem and self-respect in clients.

The program partners with numerous organizations and missions including INET, Goodwill's Career Corner, Julian Center, and Lighthouse.

Each client receives a referral from a HIP case manager, who then proceeds to locate appropriate resources to fit the client's needs.

"We do have employers that will hire people with criminal records," said Stark, noting that the program can find employment for people with diverse backgrounds.

Some women and men may not have stable housing, added Stark, and Choices for Change frequently makes a connection with people in homeless shelters.

More than 500 people participated in Choices for Change last year, and at least 30 people seek services on a weekly basis.

In addition to job training classes, health services are offered. An alliance with HealthNet and People's Health Center provides a physician and nurse practitioners for clients and their children. Mental health assessment and counseling sessions are also available.

As a male escort, Keith received payment for accompanying women to social events.

"It was somewhat the way that I thought it was going to be. I liked the money," he said.

His clientele included out-of-town business professionals, ages 32 to 50. The women would set up a date with Keith's boss, who collected 30 percent of his profits.

After establishing a large client base, Keith separated from his boss, and started collecting money for a wide array of services, including sex.

Although money and excitement kept him in the escorting business for two years, he now treasures his newfound peace of mind and stability with his employment and fiancée.

"People change. You grow out of that stage," said Keith, remembering the money, women and lifestyle that he no longer calls home.

For more information about Choices for Change call 931-3055.

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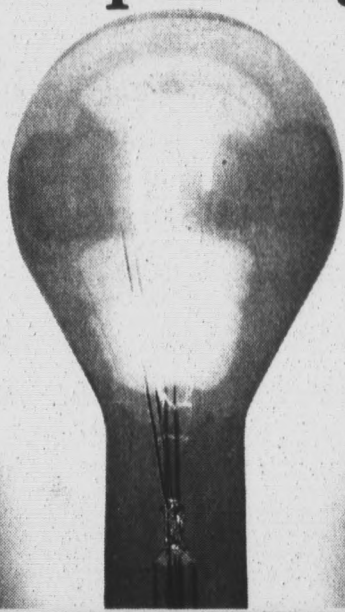
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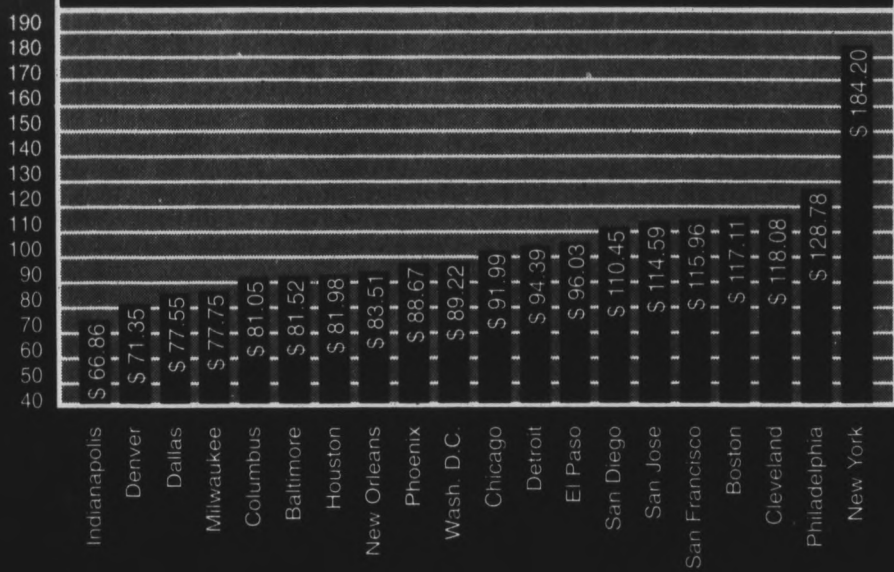
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African art lecture!

Roslyn Adele Walker, director of Smithsonian's National Museum of African art served up historical facts about African art during a recent lecture at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Walker's discussion revealed the imprint African influences have had on western art as scene in Picasso's famed "Les Femmes d'Alger" piece. (photo/Curtis Guynn)

PAYNE

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Multicultural Center, are working hard to achieve this goal. Payne started working as a teacher for IPS in 1962. She left the classroom when she became director of the IPS Crispus Attucks Center in 1987.

The center is located in Crispus Attucks Middle School and includes the Office of Multicultural Education and the Crispus Attucks Museum. The mission of the center is to act as a catalyst of knowledge, scholarship, skills and resources for the teaching, learning and understanding of the African/African-American experience and how that experience influences other diverse populations.

The center, with a staff of four, not only works with the IPS district but they offer instructional assistance to Catholic schools, all local township schools, statewide and nationally.

The idea to infuse culture and history started before Payne became director of the center. As a teacher, Payne said the lack of truth in the textbooks and the curriculum prompted concerned educators to talk to the superintendent. In 1979, the School Board approved a policy allowing the integration of Black history in the curriculum from kindergarten through 12th grade, from the beginning of the school year until the end.

During the 1996-97 school year the policy was revised and the IPS Multicultural Benchmarks were added. The benchmarks help teachers understand what aspects of cultural diversity students should learn at each grade level.

"It was the same old people, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Martin Luther King Jr. You can't teach what you don't know. It's even (taught) from a white perspective when it's presented," Payne said in reference to education on African-American history.

She said, "You better believe you don't hear about Denmark Vessey. You don't hear that there was a resistance to slavery. Even when slaves were with the master they were doing things in their own way to resist slavery. Even in textbooks (today) they still show slaves dancing and happy like, 'thank you massa for bringing me out of Africa' and that's exactly what the mindset is 'well, we did you all a favor for bringing you out of Africa.'"

The small step of incorporating Black history into the curriculum turned into a giant leap. The superintendent then placed Payne on special assignment to start the center.

"Most of our time is spent in staff development and coming to the schools and making presentations," Payne said.

The development of staff is what proves to be the most challenging part of her job. Most teachers come into the schools with their belief systems unchanged. Their education is limited when it comes to diversity and multicultural education. For this reason Payne's motto is "you can't teach what you don't know." But having the knowledge is one thing, believing and using it is another.

"In 1987 when our office first opened, the first thing we did was develop a 625-page Black history guide with everything in it you ever wanted to know about Black folk; local, state and national, Payne said.

She continued: "IPS paid out big bucks because every teacher in the school district at that time received a copy with beautiful red notebooks and wrapped in cellophane. Some of those are still wrapped in cellophane.

"I got a call two weeks ago from this lady who found this in the media center still wrapped in cellophane. And she was going wild because she had never seen anything like this. Even when you place material in people's hands, sometimes it's more dangerous if they use it if their mindset isn't right. But usually you just find they don't use it because they don't believe what's in it."

Not only is it hard to get educators to realize education is missing some very important facts, it is just as challenging to prove to educators their expectations are low for African-American children.

Payne said, "So many times we don't expect from our children what they can give, and so they give what's expected. Our children come out of the womb geniuses, but the further along they are in school it seems like their minds get dumbed down."

"And many times," she said, "that's because of those low expectations and the belief system that educators bring with them that say our children can't achieve. I'm telling you I have seen it happen. If those teachers believed in what our

children could do, they would be knocking the top off those tests."

To ensure parents and educators work together, the Crispus Attucks Center has made small revisions in its program. Instead of having the cultural competency institutes in October, December, February and April, it now hosts parent summits during those months. The focus of the summit is to get educators and parents in one room, listening to the same information so it can be reinforced by each group.

"We started those parent summits to get rid of these adversarial relationships between parents and teachers. And the parents are just as guilty as the teachers in terms of this widening gap," Payne said.

"I don't accept any excuses from parents anymore... look we're talking about your child's mind," Payne said she tells parents who claim they are too busy to take an interest in their child's education.

According to Payne, diversity and multicultural education don't just stop at ethnicity. All disenfranchised groups such as disabled students, gay and bisexual students, and students from different socioeconomic backgrounds must be represented. She tries to bring in speakers and allow them to share their stories and experiences so educators can learn how to help students with similar situations.

While trying to meet the needs of such a diverse population, Payne also runs the Crispus Attucks Museum which opened in May 1998. The idea for the museum began as Attucks High School transformed into a middle school. Alumni didn't want to lose the legacy of the city's African-American high school so a deal was made to siphon off part of the school for a museum. The museum is open to anyone at no cost. Unguided tours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and guided tours are by appointment.

"Just call our office and we'll get you a form. You fill out this form and tell when you want to come, how many are coming and schedule a guided tour, and that can be done on the weekend," Payne said.

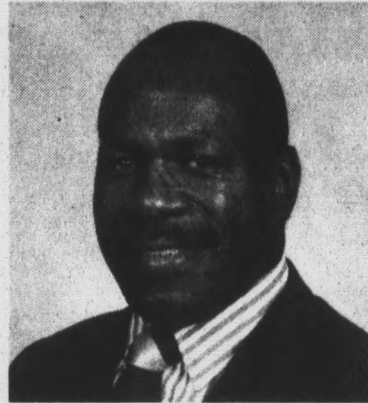
Payne prefers to limit the guided tour to 30 individuals, but a larger group may be broken into smaller groups to accommodate the staff.

CAPTION:
Pat Payne, director of the IPS Crispus Attucks Center.



BEFORE

A BLACK HISTORY MONTH MESSAGE OF INSPIRATION FROM A GRATEFUL ATTORNEY



TODAY

Economically and culturally disadvantaged by poverty in the Barrington Heights projects of the 1950's, 60's and 70's, I was exposed to crime, illegal drugs and the underground counter culture. Whether by poor choices, poor judgement or mistaken beliefs, I succumb to the temptation of quick, easy money and the ways of the streets, until I got caught in that tragic cycle that leads only to jails, institutions and death. Obviously I didn't die, But I saw enough of jails and institutions to be convinced that the street life was no way to live. But, by this time, my life was a shambles. Friends and family alike had written me off. No money, no job, only half educated, I was at rock bottom.

The strength of the culture, where I grew-up, was that what we lacked in the material, we made up for the spiritual. My mama could not give us much, but she gave us what was more valuable than anything material: A BELIEF IN GOD AND FAITH IN THE POWER OF GOOD. It was an epiphany to discover that when I did good, good things would happen. Those who had once rejected me, took a second look and extended a second chance. It was because of the willingness of others to give a second chance, that I was able to keep doing the things I knew to be right.

In the U. S. today, 1 out of every 4 African American males, under 30 years old, is either in jail or under some kind of correctional supervision. That is a lot of babies who don't have daddies, wives who don't have husbands and mamas whose sons are lost. If we are to continue to grow and progress as a people, we will have to give more than lip service to DR Martin Luther King's proclamation that: WE SHALL OVERCOME...so, if you can give a second chance, give it; and if you get a second chance, use it.

With my history of unacceptable behavior, becoming an attorney was a long-shot. I'm only humbled by the accomplishment. I feel compelled, especially during Black History Month, to share the gratitude for may blessings and to maybe inspire those who might need to see both the reality and the result of really believing DR King's proclamation.

WE SHALL OVERCOME

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Annual Valentine's Ball

Kappa Leadership Development League of Greater Indianapolis presented their third annual Kappa League Ball last weekend at the Omega Conference Center. The event was coordinated by fraternity member Marvin J. Bardo. (photo/Curtis Guynn)

Prisoners make sleeping bags for the homeless

The faces of some people living in homeless situations were covered with big smiles after they recently received sleeping bags crafted by several women incarcerated in the Indiana State Women's Prison.

The sleeping bags consisted of a hand made quilt, pillow and a tote bag, all of which came in an array of bright colors and an assortment of patterns.

The prisoners wanted to do something to help the homeless population therefore, the Homeless Initiative Program was selected to be the recipient organization. The women will continue to make items for the homeless population in the city. They seemed to be excited about being enrolled in the sewing class at the prison and being able to help others. (Photo/Ken Skelton)



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just do it.

"Somehow I got into my head that I wasn't any different from other people," Stuart said.

She recalled an incident where she walked into a whites only restroom and was told she couldn't use it. Stuart responded "she has one (a toilet) at home and it's white."

During training, meals were not eaten with the rest of the nurses; instead Stuart and Bell ate in a room in back of the nurses' dining room. Also, the swimming pool and social activities were off limits.

After graduation in 1943, Stuart worked at Indianapolis City Hospital. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1945. She went on to Ohio State University where she didn't have many problems except hunger.

"Mama sent me some chicken and bread pudding and I ate that for a week," Stuart said.

Stuart began working at Veterans Hospital in 1952. There was no such thing as maternity leave at this time, so pregnancy forced her to quit.

"I left the VA because of my pregnancy. At that time you had to resign and then come back. Because of complications with my family I was told I didn't qualify for a government job," Stuart said.

After leaving the hospital, Stuart was a clinical practical nursing instructor at IU Medical Center. A former student shared her memory of Stuart reprimanding her for slacking.

"She told me I should take nursing more seriously, it's a serious profession," Mary Thompson said. After that conversation, Thompson got on the ball, and she thanked Stuart for caring.

Along with her other firsts, Stuart was also the first Black nurse to serve as a consultant on the State Board of Health for Nursing.

The program was sponsored by the Minority Veterans Committee of Veterans Hospital and the Black Emphasis Program Committee.

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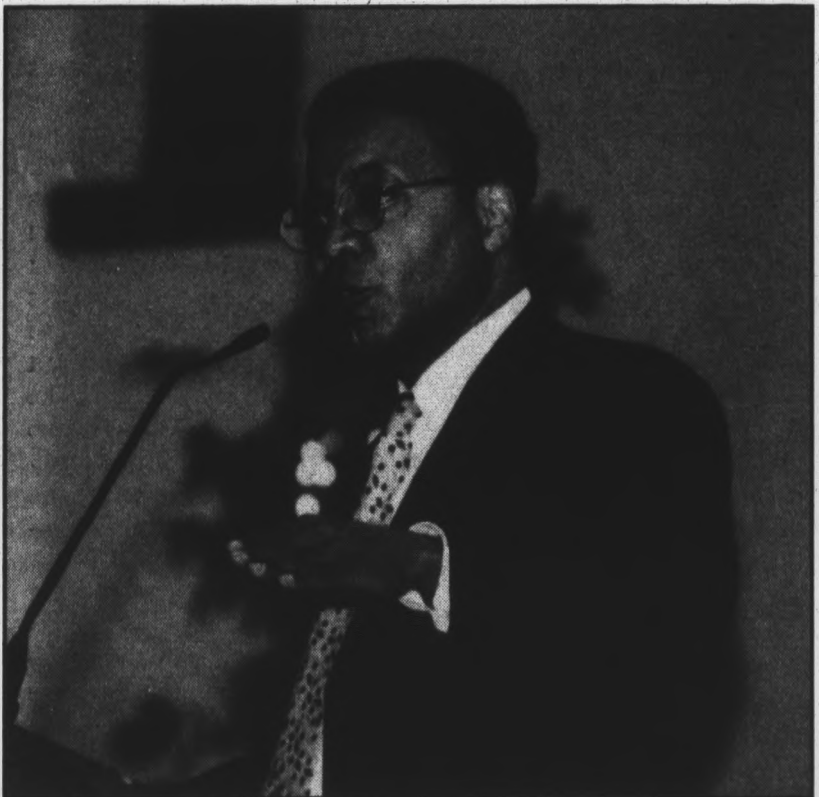
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Author, psychiatrist and educator Dr. Alvin Poussaint headlined an intellectually stimulating conversation during the latest installment of impressive speakers featured in the Ameritech Master Scholars Speaking Series. Tavis Smiley will be honored in April during the program's annual humanitarian dinner. Call 767-5522 for more information.(photo/Curtis Guynn)

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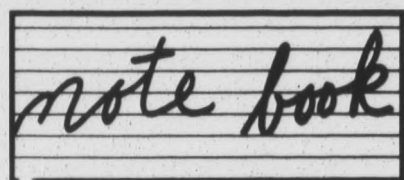
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Central State University
visitation weekend

Time to register for the annual Collegiate Visitation Weekend at Central State University April 13-14. Deadline is March 23. Call Dave Simms at 925-0592.

Ivy Tech offers
continuing education

Cosmetologists wanting to renew their state licenses can fulfill the state continuing education requirements through a special two-day program offered at Ivy Tech State College. The state of Indiana requires licensed cosmetologists to complete 16 hours of continuing education during the four years of their licensing period. The Indianapolis campus developed a two-day, 16-hour program to meet this need. The classes will be offered on consecutive Mondays at various times throughout the year. Upon completion of the program, a certificate verifying compliance with the state's continuing education requirement will be issued. No exams are required. A continental breakfast and box lunch are provided as part of the registration fee. Total cost is \$144. The college will accept payment in form of a check, money order, MasterCard or Visa. The program is offered on the following Mondays: April 9 and 16; June 11 and 18; Aug. 13 and 20; Oct. 8 and 15. The April programs will include sessions for licensed nail technicians. For more information call 921-4716.

IPS students meet legend
in Black history

Chaplain Garland White of the Indiana 28th United States

Colored Troops will give a presentation to fifth-grade students from schools 78, 93, 107, and 109 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 in the Gothic Chapel at Crown Hill Cemetery. The students will pay respect to the members of the Indiana 28th at the National Cemetery reminiscent of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va. Participating students will be invited to enter an essay contest titled "The Valor of the Indiana 28th U.S.C.T." The winners of the top three essays will receive \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively.

Chaplain White, portrayed by Charles Poindexter, will pass on the legacy of the challenges, sacrifices and contributions made by the freedom fighters of the Indiana 28th. In tracing the footsteps of the soldiers, a new generation of Hoosiers will learn of a heritage that includes the important role of the Indiana 28th in the Civil War and the preservation of the Union. This event is sponsored by the IPS Office of Multicultural Education and the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation.

Spring Break College
Tour

We're Helping Youth! Inc. (WHY!) and R.E. Patrick and Associates are sponsoring a Spring Break 2001 College and University Tour April 1-5. Colleges to be toured are Alabama A&M University, Normal, Ala.; Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala.; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla.; Miles College, Fairfield, Ala.; Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala. Students will gain campus awareness and exposure to college students, university faculty and staff. Financial aid and admission counseling will be offered. Cost of the tour is \$295 and must be paid in full by March 3. Payment plans are available. For more information contact Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Service Center, 40 W. 40th

St., or call 923-4581 ext. 250 or voice mail at 335-4192.

Reading Is Fundamental
receives grant

Reading Is Fundamental received a \$1,600 grant from Readers General Funds to support Family of Readers, a family literacy program. The program helps parents develop the skills and self-confidence to become actively involved in their children's reading and learning. The target audience for Family of Readers is preschool children and their families enrolled in Head Start, Even Start parenting classes, Adult Basic Education, GED, and ESL programs. For more information call 226-3277.

IUPUI to host national
law symposium

(AP) —Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis will host a national symposium in March to address issues facing state appellate courts.

"Caught in the Middle: A National Symposium on the Role of State Intermediate Appellate Courts" will take place March 30-31 at the University Place Conference Center.

Case management, judicial ethics and oral argument are among the topics to be discussed.

Speakers include Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall T. Shepherd; Chief Judge John T. Sharpnack and Judge Edward Najam Jr. of the Indiana Court of Appeals; Indiana Deputy Attorney General John Laramore; and Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

Several Indiana University School of Law professors and justices from the California, North Carolina and Illinois courts of appeals also are scheduled to speak.

The conference is cosponsored by the IU School of Law and the Indiana State Bar Association.

We need to teach Black history to our own children, not rely on public schools

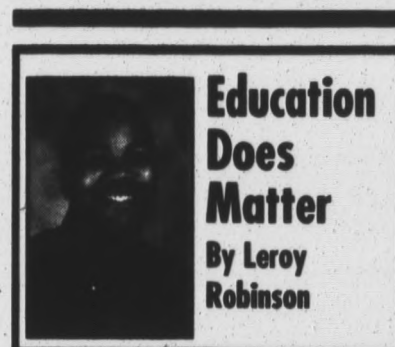
Continuing with the theme of Black History Month, since the month is just about over, it is good to squeeze one more column in about the subject. There continues to be a lot of negative feedback directed at the public schools for not teaching enough Black history.

With the steady increase of Hispanics into the public school system, soon they too will be requesting (rightfully so) a separate course directed at teaching about their glorious past. What do you think the other ethnic groups will soon be requesting from our public schools? The Italians, Chinese, Germans, and Japanese should all be requesting courses be taught to help instill pride in their children.

But will they? Isn't it ironic that those groups at the bottom of society (African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans) are always asking for assistance from the public schools to better educate their children?

How does it sound for a Native American parent to ask a public school teacher to teach their child about Native American history? Why don't the other groups make such requests? There is an enormous population in America from the continent of Asia, that have Japanese or Chinese ancestry. Why don't they request that Chinese or Japanese history be mandatory for all students in public schools?

One main reason why is that they deem their history to be very important. Just as we consider our Black history to be important. However, they would much rather teach their own children



about China's history, while we would rather beg someone else to teach it to us or for us. Honestly, Black history could not really be that important to African Americans as a people. We give an extraordinary amount of time, energy, and conversation to the topic, while the large majority of our populations, children and adults, have no interest in the subject matter at all.

It becomes more of a politically correct thing to say. No Black person would dare say publicly that learning one's history is not that important. But all the while the actions of our community leaders, teachers, and ministers tell us precisely where their interests are. And their interests are not in making our community consciously aware of their heritage. This topic of conversation is only put on the agenda during Kwanzaa and during the month of February.

If you had to choose whether to have your child major in African-American studies, obtain a law degree, or receive their PhD, in medicine, which would you choose? The ideology that learning your history instills pride in the child may hold some merit. However, if this is the case, why doesn't our community spend more time developing activities and events in this area?

Is our children's pride and self-esteem already at an all-time high to the point where they no longer need to be motivated?

It is just about time to stop blaming every one and every "thing" outside of our community for our shortcomings. We blame President Bush, the Republicans in Congress, the public schools, the criminal justice system, and even our next door neighbor for anything that they do not give us or anything that they do not do for us. What happened to the "do for self" attitude?

We had Black history courses being offered at many public high schools across the state. Many of them no longer exist. You know why? Because they were offered as electives and our children were not enrolling in them. We instead would take such electives as wood shop, home economics, and cosmetology. Leaving the Black history classes to be taken off of the elective schedule.

The Italians teach their own children about Italy. The Germans teach their own children about Germany. They too instill self-love, self-pride, and self-esteem in their own children. They do not pass these responsibilities on to government institutions or wait for government programs to be created to aid them in this process. They have adopted the age old idea of "each one teach one." Which "one" have you taught our history too?

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The 2001 Golden Apple Awards program is open to public and private school teachers in grades K-12 in Central Indiana. Teachers may be nominated by anyone — principals, peers, students, parents of students, community members, and others. Teachers also may self-nominate.

A formal application process must be followed to make the teacher's entry official. If you know of a deserving teacher for this award, please call 317.261.8989. The deadline to nominate a teacher is March 23, 2001.

2001
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McDonald's honors 10 outstanding students as Black History Makers of Tomorrow

Special to The Recorder

McDonald's of Central Indiana honored 10 Central Indiana high school students as Black History Makers of Tomorrow in a ceremony this week at the Indiana Statehouse Rotunda.

The students, who were selected based on their academic achievement, character and community service, submitted essays entitled "Madam C.J. Walker: Her Dreams, My Dreams, the Dreams of the Future" in honor of Walker's contributions to African Americans, the nation, and the state of Indiana.

"We are quite excited about our program and the accomplishments of our winners," said McDonald's owner/operator Eric Moore. "The Black History Makers program is one of our premiere educational outreach programs. It provides an opportunity for all students regardless of their cultural background the opportunity to come together as one and celebrate the accomplishments of those individuals who have shaped history," Moore said.

The 2000-2001 Black History Makers of Tomorrow and their schools are:

- Rebecca A. Berdel, Jennings County High School.
- Emily Frame, Martinsville High School.
- Eboni R. Gatlin, Kokomo High School.
- Tanisha Nicole Grooms, Ben Davis High School.
- Rebecca Homkes, Western High School.
- Erica R. Huddleston, Warren Central High School.
- Nicole Nadene Johnson, Marion High School.
- Curtiss R. Moore, Bishop Chatard High School.
- Ryan K. Neal, Park Tudor High School.
- Bethany Schipp, Carmel High School.

Each student will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from McDonald's Restaurants of Central Indiana and commendations from Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

Following are excerpts from the winning essays:



Rebecca A. Berdel
Jennings County High School
North Vernon, Indiana

Madam C.J. Walker was a conqueror. Born into even more obstacles as an African-American woman in the 1900s than any woman today, she overcame the boundaries that were laid before her. Her accomplishments were undoubtedly those of a dreamer. She visualized leading an important life — being an entrepreneur — and then she found the fortitude to make that image a reality.

Strides in history are made in baby steps. Madam Walker took a baby step when she developed her hair-care product and sold it door-to-door. She took another baby step when she established her own business. She took a step toward equality in standing for her political views and raising awareness of the rights of Blacks. And she took a step of compassion when she decided to give back to the community, like helping finance the first African-American YMCA in Indianapolis.

I begin to wonder where all the conquerors have gone when I see the hip-hop industry and its many young admirers engulfed solely in sex, drugs, and money. It is even scarier to think Dr. Dre might replace Dr. King in the eyes of young Americans.

The men and women that have contributed to the rich history of African Americans are so important, not only because they serve as role models for Black children, but also they give children of other ethnicity something to respect despite differences in appearance.

Dreamers are everywhere. They knowingly hold the future in their grasp because they hold the power to surpass those who doubt them. Somewhere out there, the first female president awaits her term. And some-

where even closer is an African-American president waiting his term.

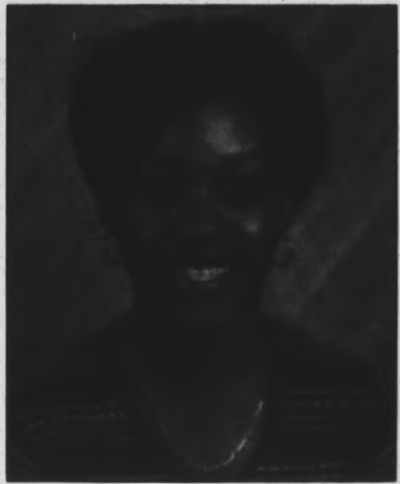
Most important of all are the tracks that are laid for the dreamers that are not yet born. Every dreamer that breaks new ground is not only making personal strides; he/she is making the path less traveled easier for those who follow.



Emily Frame
Martinsville High School
Martinsville, Indiana

Not only does Madam Walker continue to inspire people to dream, she also reminds others to continue helping each other. She set an example of what it means to be an excellent community leader by standing up for her beliefs, and also donating time and money to schools, orphanages, churches, and many more community centers. The Madam C.J. Walker Theatre in Indianapolis is a reminder to Hoosiers of how generous and dedicated to her community Madam C.J. Walker was. Across Indiana, residents remain in awe of Madam Walker's generosity, and it inspires them to get involved in their own communities.

Madam Walker continues to be an inspiration to me because she spoke her mind and stood by her beliefs during a time when being an African-American woman was even more difficult than it is today. Because of women like Madam Walker, I, too, try to maintain my integrity as a woman in America. Born in Martinsville, Ind., a town that has a reputation for discrimination against African Americans, I try to make others in my community understand why racism is wrong. I try to help others see that their hatred is most likely rooted in fear of a race that they do not know or understand.



Eboni Rachelle Gatlin
Kokomo High School
Kokomo, Indiana

Madam Walker's quest to start her own business proved Black women can make dreams a reality. Recognizing a need for Black hair care products in her community, Madam Walker went beyond the recognition to take the action. Madam Walker was willing to sacrifice to accomplish her goal. African-American youths should emulate her self-sacrificing attitude. Because many of today's youths allow problems and events to become first priority, goals become less important. By closely following Madam Walker's steps, Black youths are encouraged to maintain goals and become Black history makers of the future.

Like Madam C.J. Walker, I will create a standard for the future. My mark may not be found in entrepreneurship as Walker's was, rather by furthering my education and finding deeper understanding of the African-American heritage. My education will increase my awareness of the world and its diversity. I will attend college to major in broadcast communications and minor in public relations or African-American studies. As I work to achieve my goal to become a famous news anchor/reporter, I will encourage others to pursue their goals. I am entering a business field composed predominantly of white men and women. If feelings of inadequacy creep into my mind, I will use Madam Walker's example of pride and self-determination as my motivation.



Tanisha Nicole Grooms
Ben Davis High School
Indianapolis

Throughout every person's life, there are many trials and tribulations that you may encounter. How you handle these issues, will determine how far you will go in life.

"I have learned that success, is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome, while trying to succeed." This is a quote from Booker T. Washington, a famous African-American inventor. This quote can be applied to many people's success, especially a beautiful African-American, self-made millionaire/businesswoman, by the name of Madam C.J. Walker. Madam Walker has made a positive impact on Black history as a whole, me as an individual and my determination to increase the development in Black history.

With all the motivation Mrs. Walker gives to me, I am determined to increase the development of Black history. To what measures will I go in obtaining this? I will continue to educate my people. Education is the key to success. I will continue to be a positive role model to children. Children do what they see done. We have to let the younger generation know that they are the future. I plan to be financially stable and in a position where I can give back to the community organizations. By becoming an attorney, I will be aware of their equal rights. I will be a voice and prominent figure in our neighborhoods. I want to help figure out problems and create solutions. One said, "Are you part of the problem, or part of the solution?"

The difference between successful people and others is not a lack of knowledge, nor a lack of strength, but simply a lack of will. Madam Walker did not lack will, strength, or knowledge. Her determination made her the successful person she was, and has caused much enlightenment for me to reach my goals.



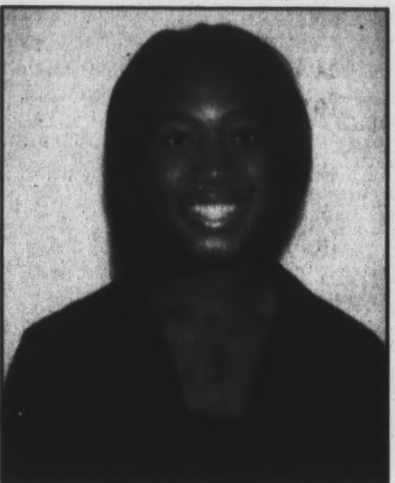
Rebecca Homkes
Western High School
Russiaville, Indiana

Goals are the key to success. If Walker had not been motivated by her far-reaching goals, we would not have seen the growth of Indianapolis' YMCA. It was her accomplishments that led to an improvement of life for all those around her. Today's Blacks will be motivated to set their own new goals. A new generation of goals will lead to a new lifetime of successes.

I have my own dreams that fall in line with Walker's. I want our next generation of African Americans to continue to succeed, break grounds, and rise to their highest goals. I have a plan that will lead to future triumph. Using Walker's three primary attributes, we have established D.I.G. (determination, inspiration, goal-setting). Through a program called "D.I.G. into the Future," we can inspire this next generation of African Americans. Anyone who is determined with the ability to inspire will achieve all of his or her goals.

We can implement D.I.G. programs throughout the state of Indiana. Through these, we can inspire today's African Americans to be the next Walker. We should encourage these attributes through school or community programs; such as through the YMCA these programs would include African-American

leaders talking to the youths of that community. Also, I envision a mentor and tutoring program being founded. D.I.G. could inspire today's high school students to succeed and set goals beyond high school. If children were able to see true success stories, they would be motivated. The future of Black history is one that involves new heroes, new milestones, and many new success stories if we continue to build on Walker's success.



Erica Renee Huddleston
Warren Central High School
Indianapolis

[Madam Walker] has encouraged other African Americans by showing that not just whites could obtain the status of millionaire, but by Blacks as well. She often said, "I got my start by giving myself a start."

I also have a role in the development of Black history. I am enrolled in a drama class called Reader's Theater. We write scripts, and then perform them all around the community. Each year we have different topics. Last year we focused on Hoosier Heritage. Our play involved many famous Black Hoosiers, one being Madam Walker. This play was performed at many elementary schools to help educate children on Black history. It was also performed for thousands of people at our Spring Finale. I played Madam Walker in the play. It was a wonderful experience. My dramatic interpretation of Madam Walker taught me many things I did not know about her life. Our plays can help to encourage children as well as adults of all ages to learn more about African Americans in history.

Many different roles can be played in the promotion of Black history. I feel one role that must be acted upon is the education of children of all races, but especially those that are African Americans; for without knowledge, there is ignorance.

Madam Walker provided an example that we can all live by: at school, at home, and throughout life. Her perseverance and her strong faith in God made her a role model for all.



Nicole Nadene Johnson
Marion High School
Marion, Indiana

At the age of 3 years old, I was diagnosed with Wilm's Tumor cancer. The cancer destroyed my right kidney, which had to be removed. I underwent a series of chemotherapy and radiation treatments in which I almost lost my life. However, God had a plan and healed me completely and so that I could be a living testimony for others to draw strength from.

Like Madam Walker, I could not allow circumstances to put strongholds on my life. In recognition to God's plan, some of my goals include, attending Hampton University in the fall of 2001 to pursue a double major. This double major consists of political science and nursing. I want to be both a lawyer and a nurse. I would like to help several people in as many ways as possible. This is an example of my way to portray God's love and to make history for others to read about one day. While most people might think that this is impossible, I know that I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me. If I am the first to achieve a goal of this sort, I want the younger generations to know that anything that they desire to achieve

is possible, the only requirement is that they believe in themselves.

Madam Walker displayed a form of pride and self-determination that I will always admire. As an aspiring Black History Maker of Tomorrow I understand that I must display many exemplary values not found in most youth. With the goals and aspirations that I have I know that I must follow through with them completely. In conclusion I would like to say that I am pressing toward the mark of a higher calling, and to become a positive Black History Maker of Tomorrow.



Curtiss Moore
Bishop Chatard High School
Indianapolis, Indiana

I have always dreamed of becoming a doctor. As I survey the health conditions of people of color I am distressed at the disparities of health care in our community. For example:

- The life span of a Black male in the U.S. is 66 years, as opposed to 75 years for a white male in the U.S.

- African Americans receive less surgery for surgically treatable cancers and fewer referrals for kidney transplants.

- Diabetes and heart disease disproportionately affect African Americans.

- African Americans are more likely to seek medical care in an emergency room than from a private physician.

- African-American women receive less diagnostic testing for coronary artery disease.

- Breast cancer disproportionately affects African-American women and prostate cancer disproportionately affects African-American males.

- African Americans and Latinos receive inferior HIV treatment than that of Caucasians.

As a doctor of medicine in the new millennium my hope is to correct some of these disparities in health care. I want to ensure that all people get quality health care. My dream is to be a voice that lobbies the Legislature to make sure that African Americans have access to quality health care, health insurance, and medical treatment, as other Americans in our country. Who knows, maybe through my efforts to correct these disparities in health care I might save the life of a person who might become the next Dr. Ben Carson, Gen. Colin Powell, or Madam C.J. Walker. I also want to help pioneer medical advances into the future. Being able to synthetically produce organs so transplants are more available, allowing expectant parents to know what diseases their unborn children might have by studying the fetus' DNA and using the advancing genetic code are ways I hope to affect the future.

Madam Walker's legacy is still affecting America today, and hopefully the legacy that I leave behind will also profoundly affect Americans in the future. There is no doubt that if I pursue my dreams with the same passion and resolve that Madam Walker exemplified, I will reach my goal.



Ryan Neal
Park Tudor School
Indianapolis

The portion of the market controlled by African Americans in this country and especially in Indiana is deplorable. While many Black orga-

nizations exist within the state borders to accentuate and encourage Black involvement in the growing Indiana market, these organizations cannot convene to make meaningful strides toward inducing economic development in our communities, or alleviating any other significant problem for that matter. This issue of stagnant, over-accumulated, and essentially inert socialization plagues Indianapolis. The excessive accumulation of organizations is a result of the loss in mobilization aptitude. Madam Walker knew well the value of cooperative economics and the employment of various assets of her community in order to generate capital that profited not only herself, but also the surrounding community. She came to Indianapolis because, at that time it was noted as one of the largest inland manufacturing sites. Her genius in realizing the benefits of supply and demand was critical to her success.

My role in African-American history will be to offer solutions to the problems that contaminate our communities and develop assuaging institutions. I wish to raise our influence in the market from serving as the hoard for industries to becoming the primary beneficiaries. It is our responsibility to regain the prowess and reputation of diligence that our foremothers and forefathers exemplified.

Madam Walker was a trailblazer for amalgamating economic and social challenges to eliminate economic seclusion and social repression. We too as African Americans must work to regain our status as intelligent forces to contend with, and insure the prosperity of future generations. We must regain our vigilance and mobilize our assets, investing time and work in only those organizations that act proficiently; moving the community towards developing an economic base to rejuvenate stability in our respective districts. As Frederick Douglass once said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand."



Bethany Schipp
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

I am reminded of a song entitled, "Unforgettable, That's What You Are" by Nat King Cole. Madam C.J. Walker in my mind is unforgettable. Not only did she rise from her poverty-stricken childhood to later become a millionaire, Madam Walker touched many lives along the way. At a time where she was in the minority, not only as African American, but also female, she rose above that obstacle and excelled at what she had dreams of doing.

Madam Walker paved a way for other African Americans. She showed that it was possible to do anything you want to do if you put your heart and mind to it. If we take a look at today, it is amazing how many African-American women have succeeded in overcoming that same obstacle. I think of Whitney Houston and Justice Myra C. Selby. Both have excelled against the odds in what they do, and inspire millions in the process.

Personally I have learned that I also can overcome my obstacles. I have dreams of being a professional singer and dancer someday. With scoliosis, I have difficulty breathing properly. I will not however, let this hinder me from chasing my dreams. Although I have this disease to battle, I was not orphaned at age 7 like Madam Walker. She overcame her obstacles and she has inspired me to overcome mine.

I believe that Black history will continue to affect many aspiring minority entrepreneurs. My role is to overcome my obstacles and tell about Madam Walker and her inspiration for me. I believe she is an inspiration to anyone with a dream. No obstacle is too big to overcome and I believe Madam Walker is the perfect example of that. She will always remain unforgettable in my mind and a positive influence to many others as well.

OPINION

Seeing ray of hope in human condition

By DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT
Chairwoman, National Council of Negro Women

The terrible, sad AIDS epidemic cutting down African women, children, and men has been called a medical, social and economic crisis. Certainly, it is all of those. But essentially, I believe, it is a human crisis.

"AIDS is not just a disease. It is not just a heart attack. It's the human condition," says Robert Janssen, an AIDS specialist at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That is why it is claiming millions of lives, and ironically, that is why there may be a ray of hope for the future.

I have visited Africa many times. I initiated the National Council of Negro Women's international activities in 1975 in Senegal, when we became the first African-American women's private voluntary organization working in Africa. I know firsthand that in sub-Saharan Africa, disease has medical causes, but it spins out of control because of poverty and ignorance.

When we talk about a disease — AIDS — that most often is transmitted sexually, we're talking about the human condition. We must recognize that in much of Africa the human condition includes deep poverty, hunger, and ignorance. What makes AIDS a public health nightmare in Africa is the way all of these factors — poverty, lack of education, cultural stigmas and taboos, lack of medicines, lack of functioning health systems and sanitation, and in some instances years of neglect and lack of political will — are connected and mutually reinforcing.

But the other side of the human-condition perspective is this: AIDS is wiping out the people, but an important part of the solution lies with the people, too. Obviously, billions of dollars of emergency aid could buy medicines, build clinics and pay doctors. But if billions aren't forthcoming, or if they aren't coming fast enough, are we helpless?

Based on my lifetime of work, organization building, and advocacy for human dignity and rights, I think not.

Of course, we must be realistic. An estimated 34 million people are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus, about 20 million of them in Africa.

The bitter truth is that nearly all of those victims will die prematurely — a phenomenon usually seen only in war.

For those Africans who are already infected, the most we may be able to provide is a quality of life that provides some dignity and comfort. But for those who are healthy (and for those not yet born) there is hope.

Aid and health experts have come to realize that the very best defense against HIV/AIDS is not to get it in the first place. The most cost-effective public health strategy available in poor countries is prevention.

In his inaugural address, our new president said, "Where there is suffering, there is duty ... Compassion is the work of a nation, not just a government." How well his administration lives up to that ideal, we shall see. But many Americans, and many volunteer organizations, might be surprised to learn how much can be done to plant the seeds of education and awareness in the developing world.

At NCNW, we believe the most effective approach to changing attitudes, and thus improving community life, is not a top-down strategy that starts with the national government, but one that works from the bottom up. Change starts with the people. Because women in poor countries often are disadvantaged, because they are the primary caregivers and because many social problems are gender-based, women are most receptive to a message of change.

At NCNW, we look for partners who are willing to take responsibility — people, especially women, who feel "if I had the information, I could do something about this problem." We have pursued this strategy successfully in 16 countries in Africa. Now, as thousands of African children are orphaned and healthy Africans struggle to care for family AIDS victims, I believe the strategy is timelier than ever.

Many Africans would welcome assistance from American volunteer groups in bringing about change that can slow the spread of AIDS. A 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning series in the Village Voice highlighted examples of African organization at the grassroots: "Below the radar of government, in individual communities there are astonishingly vigorous responses to AIDS. 'In every province we have member organizations,' says Thembeni Mahlangu, director of the Zimbabwe AIDS Network If governments finally mobilize against this disease, they will find some of the best and most energetic AIDS strategies under their noses."

Groups like this are "isolated and scattered blossoms," said one African woman. "I wish this blossom could be turned into a flower garden."

Those of us involved in work in Africa hear her voice. It would be important and wonderful work if American volunteers everywhere helped to build the garden.

Dr. Height became president of the National Council of Negro Women in 1957, and currently serves as its chairwoman.

Federal Marshal Anderson's great job at temple could make him our next sheriff

It could have been another federal law enforcement debacle. Live TV pictures of helmeted, flak jacketed, heavily armed officers breaking down the doors of a house of God to enforce a federal seizure of property for back taxes.

Instead, through the prism of local TV and their eye in the sky helicopters, the world saw cap-wearing federal marshals, clad in windbreakers, with weapons holstered, calmly walking through unlocked church doors, enforcing the law with decency, humanity, civility and non-violence.

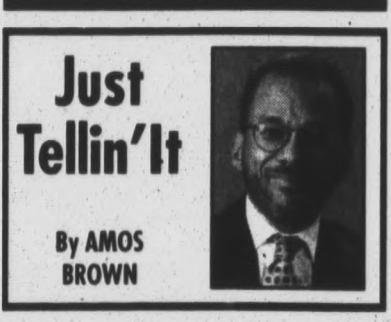
Frank Anderson, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana, deserves praise for his humane, decent, and patient handling of the seizure of the Baptist Temple.

Regardless of how one feels about the Baptist Temple leadership's challenge to the Internal Revenue Service, Indianapolis would have been angered if the government had seized that church like they seized Waco or Elgin Gonzales. Or if the U.S. marshal had acted like Tommy Lee Jones' portrayal in "The Fugitive" movie.

Instead the operation was overseen by a God-fearing, decent law enforcement professional — Frank Anderson. The first African-American named United States marshal in Indiana; Anderson has always been a class act, a law enforcement professional in every sense of the word.

A former sheriff's deputy, Anderson joined the Marshal's Service in the late '60s. President Jimmy Carter appointed him marshal in 1977 and he served four years. President Bill Clinton reappointed him in 1993.

A marshal's duties are simple:



protect federal judges, transport federal prisoners, handle the witness protection program, manage seized assets, and help capture federal fugitives. During his latest tenure, Anderson really shined. His quality administration earned him the Marshal's Service Achievement Award last year and his district top honors in the nation.

Anderson's handling last week of the seizure of the Baptist Temple was a textbook case of the proper use of federal authority. Knowing the whole world would be watching Anderson used time, patience and diplomacy, meeting numerous times with Baptist Temple leaders Rev. Greg Dixon Senior and Junior and their attorneys.

When the time came, Anderson coolly led his marshals into the church, and with a grim, sad expression, calmly and compassionately escorted the Dixons' and their members from their church.

Marshal Anderson's actions earned him a personal call of thanks and praise from new Attorney General John Ashcroft, a strongly religious man, who like Anderson believes in following the law — first.

It's no surprise that the Bush administration will choose a Republican to replace Anderson. But before he leaves, Anderson could handle another sensitive case, the looming May execution of Okla-

homa City bomber Timothy McVeigh, at the Terre Haute U.S. Prison.

Our community should thank Sen. Richard Lugar's partisan selection committee for rejecting Democrat Anderson's reappointment. Because it opens the way for Democrats to run Anderson next year for Marion County sheriff.

A couple of months ago, Anderson told me he wouldn't decide whether to run until after leaving the marshal's office and after discussing it with his wife; and with God.

Marion County needs a sheriff with integrity, and cool calm professionalism, who'll be visible in our neighborhoods and accessible to the media.

I hope God answers Anderson's and our community's prayers.

Frank Anderson would make a great sheriff.

TV audience or my Recorder readers. But, since other media have, I share my concern for a courageous lion of our community.

Everyone's pulling for you Sam Jones; because if anybody can beat this, you can.

The vicious attack against Star columnist and friend Lynn Ford gave this columnist chills. Our first fear was someone who took umbrage with his outspoken columns had attacked Ford. Instead, Lynn was a victim of domestic violence, which is growing in our Black community.

Ford is doing better and our community prays for his speedy recovery. The Star is bland and boring without his impassioned, soulful commentary.

What I'm hearing in the streets

Sam Jones' voice was strong, upbeat and chipper as always, when I picked up my phone last Tuesday. I didn't know why Sam was calling. I thought it had to do with the WTLC transition, or some community issue Sam felt I should be aware of. So I was caught flat-footed when Sam matter-of-factly said he had leukemia.

Just like Sam. To be positive and cheerful when telling someone he has a life-threatening disease. Sam feels he can beat this obstacle, as he's beaten many obstacles in his seven decades of life.

Sam didn't ask that our conversation be made public. When someone tells me they've got a life-threatening disease, I keep that private. So, I didn't reveal the news to my

Media coverage of WTLC-FM's move from 105.7 to 106.7 was predominantly positive. WISH/Channel 8's coverage was the most comprehensive and extensive. WTHR/Channel 13's coverage was inconsistent. The only station not present at WTLC's actual switchover to 106.7, Channel 13 misreported the name of WTLC's owner, Radio One (calling it Radio Now).

WRTV/Channel 6's coverage was also schizophrenic. Unlike Channels 8 and 13, they had no reports the night before the switch. The morning of the changeover, Channel 6 broadcast live outside WTLC (not bothering to come inside). Later Channel 6 redeemed itself with a solid report from veteran Derrick Thomas.

WXIN's Channel 59's coverage was surprisingly abbreviated. Granted Channel 59 has fewer newscasts than the other stations, but given their large African-American viewership, Derrick Wilkerson's story could have been longer.

The Saturday before the move, Star columnist Lynn Ford wrote eloquently about the history and heritage of WTLC's 33 years at 105.7. Unfortunately, the Star's coverage of WTLC's move was superficial, error-ridden and perfunctory, with no information on the significance of the move and what it meant for the community. The paper also didn't send a photographer to cover the switch.

By letting the TV stations out hustle them on a significant local event, the Star gave another example of its continuing journalistic deterioration.

See 'ya next week!



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Race, drugs, politics, and big money burn Democrats

In November, former President Clinton told Rolling Stone Magazine that drug sentences in many cases are too long and that the policy needs to be re-examined.

Clinton's words seemed to be the long hoped for official signal that the drug laws desperately need overhaul. Clinton's bit of public enlightenment ignited a frantic stampede by drug reform groups to submit the names of hundreds of petty drug dealers serving long stretches in federal prisons under the crushing minimum mandatory drug sentences. The sentences were set in granite by Congress a decade ago and judges have no say-so in them.

Clinton denied nearly all the requests for clemency. One of the few he didn't deny was the request to release Carlos Vignali. According to federal prosecutors and police investigators, Vignali was the kingpin in a lucrative drug ring that shipped hundreds of pounds of cocaine from L.A. to Minnesota.

Vignali got a 15-year sentence. But it was more than luck or Clinton compassion that sprung Vignali after he served six years. His rich daddy, Horacio, dumped tens of thousands of dollars into the campaign coffers of some of California's top politicians.

Two top Democrats, the former speaker of the California assembly, Antonio Villaraigosa, and U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra, are leading contenders in Los Angeles's upcoming mayoral election. Both wrote letters and made phone calls asking the White House to consider clemency for Vignali.

Their action casts an ugly glare on two troubling problems. One is the corrosive influence of money in politics. The other is the horribly racially-warped, and deeply flawed drug war.

The obvious question is: Do wealthy political donors routinely expect to get favors for their money? They do. And when they get them it confirms public belief that politics is hope-

lessly soiled by big money, and that politicians can be bought and sold.

This enrages voters, and drives millions from the polls in disgust. It also fuels public demand for real campaign financing reform to eliminate damaging abuses and influence of big money in politics.

But with the exception of a handful of flawed ballot propositions in California to limit campaign contributions, a bill by Arizona Sen. John McCain to eradicate soft money contributions, and an anemic reform law by California legislators, politicians duck for cover, or figure out ways to water down campaign reform everytime.

And this points to the second troubling problem raised by Vignali's release. He was not a poor, Black or Latino, petty drug dealer. According to federal prosecutors and police investigators, he owned a pricey condo in an upscale L.A. neighborhood, and unloaded thousands at the gambling tables in Las Vegas.

He was the center of a lucrative Minnesota to L.A. cocaine drug ring. Was this the type of drug dealer that Clinton had in mind when he lambasted the draconian drug sentences? If so, Clinton should know better.

According to reports by the Justice Department, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission:

- The overwhelming majority of those prosecuted in federal courts for drug possession and sale (mostly small amounts of crack cocaine) and given stiff mandatory sentences of 10 years to life are Blacks and Latinos.
- Only a small percent of those sentenced to jail terms are major dealers.
- There is a massive and deep disparity in

how Blacks (crack cocaine) and whites (powdered cocaine) are being sentenced by federal and state courts. Currently more than 2 million inmates pack America's jails. One million of them are Black. A growing number of them were convicted of mostly, non-violent drug crimes. They received stiff sentences under the federal minimum mandatory drug sentencing laws.

Clinton's drug czar Barry McCaffrey, who mightily defended the administration's policy, in the last year of his tenure shifted gears and branded the drug policy, a bad policy and bad law enforcement.

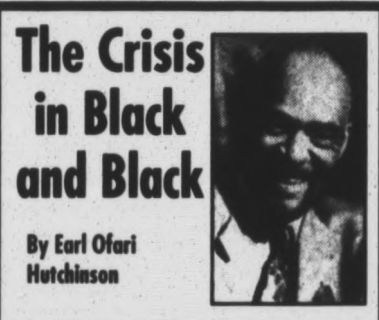
Clinton and former Attorney General Janet Reno initially backed these laws. But under fierce pressure from Black leaders and civil liberties groups they gave tepid and much belated support to amending the laws to eliminate the gaping racial disparities. Congress refused to budge and Clinton did not push the issue when he had the chance.

According to federal prosecutors, there were 30 co-defendants in Vignali's drug ring. Many of them were poor, Black, and much lower on the scale than him.

They were convicted and got maximum sentences under the federal minimum mandatory drug law. There is little chance any of them will get top politicians to send letters and make phone calls to the White House on their behalf.

Clinton is being pressed to explain the suspect pardon of alleged tax evader and commodities broker, Marc Rich. California's top politicians should also be pressed to tell why they lobbied so hard for Vignali's release. And whether they would do the same for those who don't contribute big money to their campaigns.

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Be true to your African self

"Wood may remain 10 years in the water, but it will never become a crocodile." — Congolese saying

Africans in America are like the wood in the Congolese saying. We are in the Western Hemisphere, amidst a European majority and have been for almost four centuries. However, we are not Westerners. We will never become white no matter how long we sojourn here.

Our history in this hemisphere was one of forced emigration, cultural destruction and dehumanization. Our ancestors were ruthlessly and systematically detribalized, decultured and denatured. Over the years we were forcibly and violently recast from Yoruba, Tiv, Songhai, Ibo, Kotoko, Bambara, Dan and numerous other African tribal groupings into Negroes, coons, jiggaboos and niggas.

The process is ongoing. We remain in the throes of a relentless attack on our Africaness. The great tragedy is that now we mindlessly collaborate in our own destruction. Some examples are: African Americans advocating the absurd concept of assimilation, as if wiping out all vestiges of our physical presence and soul were possible let alone desirable, our people self-destructing on lethal drugs and alcohol not only destroying themselves but future generations and not caring, our institutions mirroring those of our adversaries in structure, content and thrust and failing to formulate a serious short or long range program of survival and self-sufficiency.

What do I mean by survival and self-sufficiency? Let's take providing our own food for example. Opportunities abound, yet we fail to take advantage of them. Black independent farmers

Positively Black

By Junious Ricardo Stanton



are in trouble. We need our own food and land base, the solutions to both these problems are right in front of our faces. Do we have the vision and resolve to understand this? If not, we deserve to become totally dependent upon those who make no bones about their hatred of us.

As we enter the 21st century, we must be more introspective and honestly examine our condition. We must take inventory of ourselves. Are we making holistic progress, that is, are we saner, more productive or prosperous as a people than we were 50 years ago? If not why not?

Are we more unified today than we were 100 years ago? Are we better off now than we were 200 years ago? Given we are no longer in chattel slavery are we, happier, more self-aware or more self-sufficient now than we were, say 70 years ago? If not why not?

A quick scan of available socio-economic data indicates some progress has been made, but the stark reality is that Black infant mortality, poverty levels, imprisonment, homicides, homelessness, and family and community disintegration are alarmingly high. What responsibility if any do we ourselves take in this?

Are we so weak, disorganized and disoriented that we are incapable of saving ourselves or improving the quality of our individual and collective lives?

Each of us must ask ourselves

some very hard questions: am I all I can be, if not; what is holding me back? Am I being true to myself, am I genuine, authentic, or am I a fraud? What am I doing to improve the condition of African people? Do I even care about our conditions or the prospects of our survival?

The first law of nature is survival. While adaption, especially under changing conditions and extreme duress is natural, it is not natural to attempt to be other than what you are.

All one can be is who he or she naturally is. To constantly attempt otherwise is a symptom of severe and chronic mental and psychological disorientation.

Does our present situation have anything to do with us not being true to ourselves? Are we wood in the water thinking we can become crocodiles?

There are still many among us who are ashamed of who we are. They describe themselves as anything other than African. They proudly boast, "I'm part Indian, part Irish, German, Portuguese, Anglo-Saxon, etc., etc." You are not discriminated against or persecuted because you are part Irish, etc., you are discriminated against because you are African!

Accept and deal with it. Deal with it by loving yourself and actualizing your full potential. You are an African first, then whatever else you may claim to be. Love yourself for what you are on the inside and outside.

You are like the wood in the water, you can never become a crocodile. Concentrate on being the best you can possibly be.

African is what the Creator made you. God does not create inferior goods. Live in integrity to yourself and ensure the survival of your people. That will never happen by attempting to be anything other than who you are.

Reader thankful Black Republicans given a voice

To Frederick L. Merkerson III, thank you for your courageous reporting of comments that were the results of local Black Republicans' interviews. The astute insights of these persons are long overdue.

It is important that African Americans enhance their knowledge of every aspect of the political process. This knowledge will allow us a collective source of power never experienced before. Every citizen should strive to be an effective participant in all political parties.

I appreciate your attempt to inform members of the African-American community about a topic that others have avoided for years. It was a major struggle to get an opportunity to vote — let us not limit ourselves by being uninformed!

Cordially,
Mary Ryder-Taylor

Don't blame Hispanics for low ISTEP scores

The recent news of declining achievement in the state's annual ISTEP tests was discouraging to me. As a parent and business owner and operator, I know well how important a quality education is to a child's future, Indiana's economic development, and the general quality of our society.

While the news of declining scores is disturbing, I was bewildered and insulted by the explanations that I heard from the politicians and officials at the Department of Education and Indianapolis Public Schools. They blamed the most recent decline in ISTEP scores on the influx of Hispanic students and increased test-taking by children labeled "special education." These officials seem to be implying that the Hispanic children are a problem; that their different backgrounds and culture assuredly cause a decline in school achievement. The public should not accept this implication and the press should not perpetuate it.

The Department of Education's excuse for the lower scores is as follows: Scores dropped because a greater number of students took ISTEP this year and because the additional test takers are comprised mainly of Hispanic students and those labeled "special education."

Of course this excuse falls apart immediately with the information that 10th grade ISTEP pass rates increased two percentage points while participation increased by 10 percentage points. Therefore, unless Hispanic children and special education students are being systematically excluded from 10th grade test taking, the Department of Education cannot blame those children for the declining performance.

In fact, it is sad that the Department of Education would take the position that the decline in test scores is something new that the state needs to pin upon an influx of immigrants. In Indianapolis, IPS began its performance free fall many years prior to the accelerated arrival of Latinos.

More importantly, the connection does not fit with what I know about our community. Many Hispanic children speak English and can read and write at or above grade level. Further, I know from personal experience that many children of the fine people who work in my business scored well on ISTEP or are currently on the path of improvement as they become acclimated to their new Indiana surroundings.

These children, like their parents, work hard and will be an asset to our community. Indeed, the commitment of these families to education and the many high achieving Hispanic and Latino children

Readers Respond

should be viewed as welcome additions to the struggling schools in this state and not cast as a negative influence.

In reality, the performance problems of the schools in this state go way beyond blaming children, especially a specific minority group. We must insist that politicians and school officials stop the disgraceful practice of labeling a group of children and assigning blame to them for the failure of schools' leadership, management, and delivery of quality instruction.

I call on state and school leaders, and all people of good will to begin to pursue real improvement in education in this state. Let us come together around the real issue: accountability. Parents need to know how their children are progressing through each year of academic achievement and they also need to be assured that tests will no longer be used to blame groups of children for the state's achievement shortfalls. Our children's future and the quality of life in Indiana depend on our willingness to act!

Cordially,
Manuel T. Gonzalez,
President
GSC Industries Inc.

Student wants Hendricks statue removed from Capitol lawn

In fourth grade, my class studied Indiana history at West Side Middle School in Union City. We learned about Indiana's role in the Underground Railroad, the system of safe-houses that assisted runaway slaves on their way to freedom. We visited the Levi Coffin house in Fountain City, one of the stops on the Underground Railroad. There, we saw where this Christian man hid the runaway slaves in secret rooms.

Later, we learned that Indiana strongly supported the Union in the Civil War, despite the fact that a few were disloyal. Our teacher left no doubt that slavery was an abominable evil, that the Union cause was both moral and just, and that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest of our presidents.

My grandmother reinforced these lessons by explaining that several of my ancestors served in the Union army. One fought at Gettysburg and another died in a Confederate prison camp.

My father, a United Methodist minister, emphasized the struggle for civil rights. Every one of Indiana's senators and representatives, Republican and Democrat alike, voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Because of the turmoil surrounding the most recent presidential election, especially the fact that the popular vote winner did not prevail in the Electoral College, I began to study the election of 1876 more carefully. The 1876 election saw the popular vote winner, Samuel P. Tilden, lose the electoral vote and thus the presidency. Tilden's running mate was Thomas A. Hendricks, governor of Indiana. In 1884, Hendricks became vice president under President Grover Cleveland.

During my research, I discovered that as Indiana's senator, Hendricks, although nominally loyal to the Union in the Civil War, was a leading political opponent of President Lincoln. Hendricks opposed the emancipation of the slaves, the draft, and the issuance of paper money; three actions which were vital components of the Union's victory over the Confederacy.

After the Civil War, the United States ratified the Thirteenth Amendment (which ended slavery), the Fourteenth Amendment (which expanded due process and equal protection), and the Fifteenth Amendment (which gave the right to vote to male African Americans). Hendricks opposed every

single one of these amendments. Later, Hendricks supported the removal of Union troops from the South, a move that, when finally accomplished in 1877, was disastrous for African Americans. The evidence is clear and convincing that Hendricks's sentiments were pro-Southern and that he was a racist.

All of this would be mere historical footnote, but for Indiana's subsequent history. Our state became a Northern breeding ground for the Klu Klux Klan, a racist organization which dominated pre-Depression, Indiana politics. The Klan was finally brought to its knees by a brave rape victim named Madge Oberholtzer and a courageous Hamilton County jury. Later, our state was traumatized by the public lynching of two African-American men in Marion.

Indiana has had bright moments in its history, including its participation in the Underground Railroad, its support of the Union cause, and its support of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. However, there has also been a dark side to our history that is rooted in racism. If Hoosiers continue to work together to defeat racism, some day our history's dark side will be a distant memory.

Today, when Southern states are coming to terms with the dark side of their history by removing the Confederate bars from their flags, Hoosiers have something to do also. The statue of Thomas A. Hendricks stands facing south on the southern lawn of our state Capitol. This statue is an insult to every Hoosier that fought and died for the Union and for every Hoosier that has fought for civil rights. Hendricks should not be honored by Indiana.

Hendricks statue should be removed from the Capitol's lawn. Perhaps a monument honoring African-American Hoosiers and the contributions of Coffin and Oberholtzer should be placed on the Capitol lawn. In addition, Indiana was the state that had the most influence in developing Lincoln's character. Consequently, a statue of Lincoln that is equal to or greater in size than Hendricks's should have a prominent place on the Capitol lawn.

Randal S. Forbes
Angola, Indiana

Serviceman says Bush on wrong diplomatic path

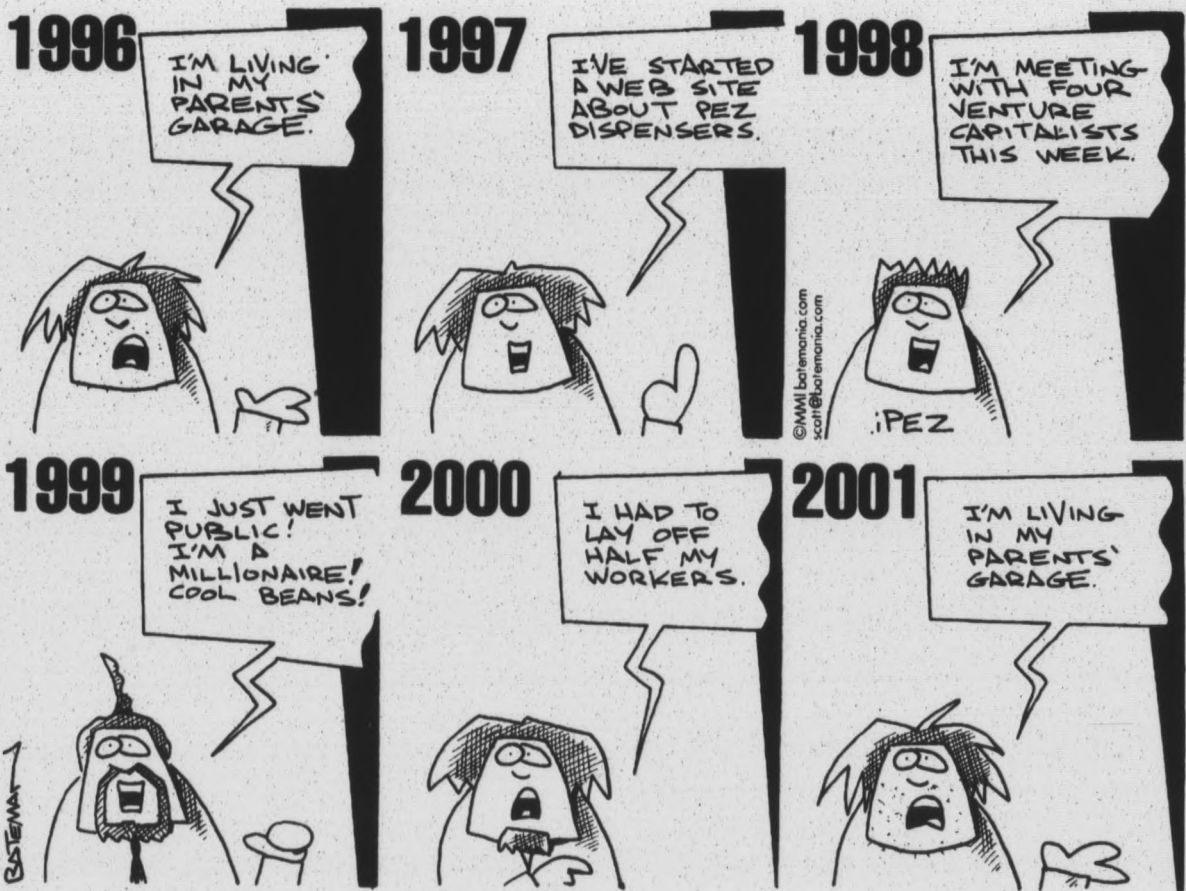
During the "Clinton era," terrorism enacted upon Americans and its soil went down 52 percent, and most experts attribute this decline to the former president's "slick" diplomatic tactics.

Signs of mutual respect and level headedness were key to Clinton's success with nations which were previously considered dangerous to national security. Now, it seems, that level headedness has dissipated in a frenzy of international aid cuts and bombings.

Why does "W" agitate foreign nations instead of extending a hand of diplomacy? Cowboy theatrics and tough-guy rigidity seem a bad mix for potential terrorism and violence at home and abroad. During the Cuban missile crisis, all of Kennedy's cabinet suggested that he strike, but the president withheld his hand. That decision, as we later found, saved the lives of countless Americans.

What would "W" have done under the same circumstances? I shudder to think. We all must do what we can to prevent errors in presidential judgment that will cause unnecessary harm to Americans, the Clintonian diplomatic tradition, and to humanity in general. As a veteran and a current member of our armed forces, I do not take these recent bombings lightly; neither should our commander-in-chief.

Lee Rozelle



Your Voice

What do you think past civil rights leaders would say about Blacks in today's society?

"I think leaders of the past would think that Blacks today aren't doing their part. They would say that we are slacking up."

Melissa Grigsby

"I feel our former leaders would be somewhat disappointed in our actions nowadays. They may feel that their struggles were in vain. Leaders like Dr. King fought hard for Blacks to have the right to vote, yet today many of us still don't exercise our right to vote."

Deidre Smith

"Leaders of the past would be proud of our society. Blacks are showing the world that we are just as capable of doing things as any

other race. I think we need to acknowledge the positive things that our people do and accomplish. We need to uplift each other the way our ancestors did."

Harold Smith

"I think they would say that Blacks today lack determination and motivation. People need to understand now is not the time to rest on their laurels. We need to acknowledge the fact that the fight is not over."

LaToya Morris

"Although Blacks today have accomplished things that our ancestors couldn't, we still have a long way to go. We still have battles

to fight and obstacles to overcome. We should definitely not get too comfortable and content with our current position. People should always strive for more."

Lashunna Owens

"Even though Blacks could improve in certain areas, I think past civil rights leaders would still be proud because we have come along way."

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National News

Clinton in Harlem?

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Former President Clinton, under pressure from opponents regarding the high cost of his new offices in New York, is now considering taking office space in Harlem — the historic and innovative African-American community.

Clinton originally chose large offices above the Carnegie Hall Towers in Manhattan. But controversy over the costs — \$800,000 in annual rent of which \$300,000 would be paid by his presidential foundation — have been added to a list of challenges levied by members of Congress since he left office Jan. 20.

The move would clearly make the former president one of the most popular new residents of the famous community — possibly adding more fuel to white flight into the gentrification process in Harlem that has been in effect over the past 20 years but that has only recently gained strong momentum under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The efforts have created resentment and caution among Harlem residents as residential and commercial opportunities continue to be priced and packaged in ways that court white buyers and threaten Blacks.

But Clinton, the Democrat known affectionately as the United States' "first Black president" partly because of his demonstrated affection to Black communities, would likely be better received in Harlem than the mayor, a Republican whose critics claim has been

insensitive to Black New Yorkers.

"He wants to be a good neighbor in a community that wants him," said Julia Payne, a Clinton spokeswoman.

Clinton is working with Harlem's congressional representative, Democrat Charles Rangel, in finding space. He is eyeing an area on West 125th Street, near the Apollo Theatre. The area is designated one of the city's economic "empowerment zones," one of several targeted neighborhoods slated for economic redevelopment by federal funds.

New Black Caucus chair starts column on Black World Today Web site

WASHINGTON — The newly elected chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus — Dallas Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson — has begun appearing as a weekly columnist at The Black World Today (<http://www.tbwt.com>), the Web's leading destination site for African Americans.

Her first column recounts the recent meeting between the caucus and President Bush.

"We are delighted to present Congresswoman's Johnson's views to the growing Black online community," said Don Rojas, the Internet site's publisher and CEO. "Her weekly column will contribute significantly to the public discourse on critical issues that affect Black communities in the USA and throughout the global Black Diaspora."

He said, "At a time when many Internet companies are folding, or retrenching staff, we are pleased to announce that our staff, as well as our reader base, continues to expand."

Now in its fifth year of uninterrupted online publishing, the Baltimore-based Black World Today is among the most prominent Black Web sites owned and operated by Blacks. It is listed regularly among Black Enterprise magazine's annual list of "Top 50 Web sites."

'Flying While Black' whistleblower wins in fight to keep job

WASHINGTON — After a year and a half battle to keep her job, race profiling whistleblower Senior Customs Inspector Catherine Harris has won her battle with the U.S. Customs Department to keep her job.

Harris believes that her consistent effort to publicize her story and that of other African Americans who were victims of discrimination and harassment kept the story in the public eye — particularly Black publications.

Recent coverage in the February issue of Essence magazine on Harris' case, has given renewed national attention to the matter. On Feb. 7, Harris' proposed termination was abolished.

The termination, pending since October 1999, was mitigated down to a 10-day suspension, which Harris says she will also fight.

She had returned to work last Nov. 20 after 15 months of unpaid stress leave. She will also continue to fight for her back pay for the period she was on unpaid stress leave.

Harris first came to national attention in 1990 when she provided Fox News with a breaking story on the discriminatory treatment of African-American travelers — especially Black women — by U.S. Customs agents at various ports across the nation. Airing the story left Harris open for termination by the agency.

Black men's magazine to shut down temporarily

WASHINGTON — CODE magazine, Larry Flynt's mainstream attempt at a GQ for Black men, is shutting down temporarily and may be gone for good after less than three years on America's newsstands, the NNPA has learned.

The magazine covered lifestyle issues such as health, fashion, money, and entertainment and tackled a few issues as they pertained to Black men.

Launched in June 1999 with the subtitle "The Style Magazine for Men of Color," CODE struggled almost from the start in a niche not particularly friendly to such magazines. Ad dollars are generally hard to come by for magazines aimed at Black men.

Hennessy celebrates Black heritage with commissioned works by Leroy Campbell

Hennessy, the world's most popular cognac, has commissioned renowned artist Leroy Campbell, to design a series of five paintings that embody the heritage of African Americans.

Campbell is recognized for his depiction of early 1900s rural southern life and smoky '40s and '50s jazz club performances with his Neck Bones and Jazz Classics series. His vibrant images are an imaginative, polished and sensual portrayal of African American people.

His works have been described as capturing a slice of life that is both innovative and immediately personal.

"Purity and passion are the driving forces behind what I do and how I live," says Campbell. "I hope my artwork resonates into the hearts of many and that they are empowered by it. I am honored that Hennessy supports my vision."

Hennessy will donate the five original commissioned works of art by Campbell, to a prominent African-American arts museum at the end of the tour, and will be announced in early 2002. The tour, Hennessy's African American Heritage Series, will hit major cities that include: Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

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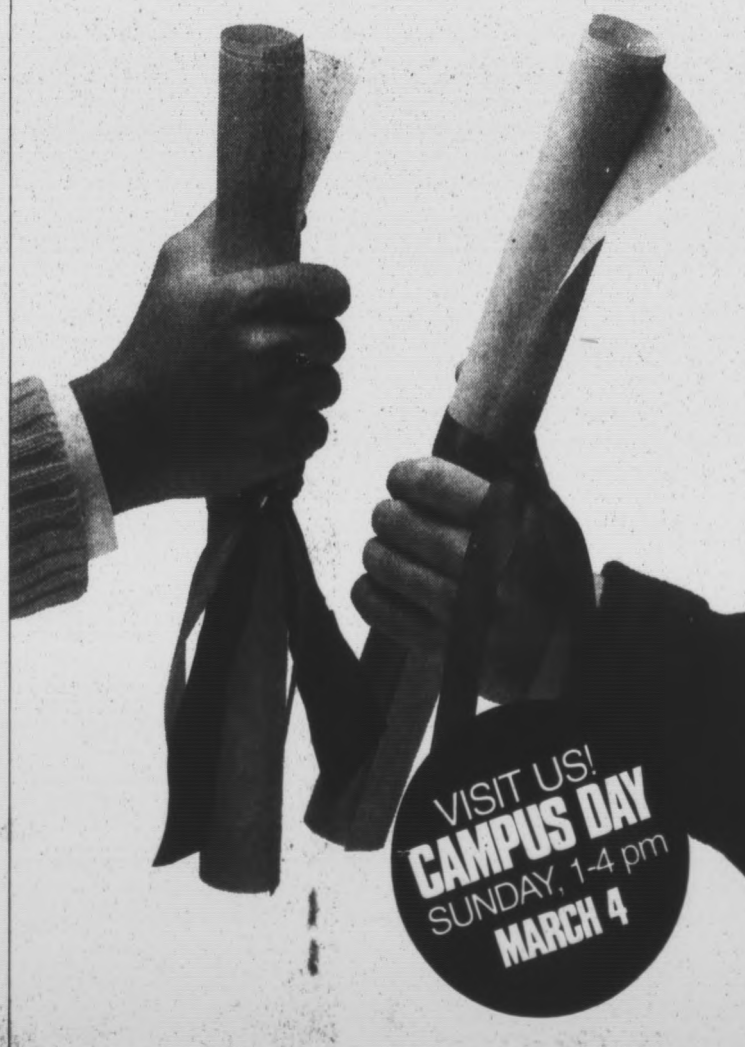
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45 countries suppress Internet access for citizens

By MARWAAN MACAN-MARKAR

MEXICO CITY (IPS) — Governments in 45 countries across the developing world are being taken to task for placing restrictions on their citizens' ability to access information on the Internet.

In most cases, government control has been achieved by compelling citizens to subscribe to a state-run Internet Service Provider (ISP), charges Reporters Without Borders (known by its French acronym RSF, for Reporters Sans Frontiers).

Some governments, on the other hand, have imposed restrictions by installing filters blocking access to Web sites regarded as "unsuitable" and sometimes forcing Internet users to register with state authorities, adds the Paris-based media rights monitor in a new study, "The Enemies of the Internet."

According to RSF, 20 of the 45 countries surveyed in its study may be described as the "real enemies" of this new means of communication, given the extent of infringements that prevail.

"On the pretext of protecting the public from 'subversive ideas' or defending 'national security and unity,' some governments totally prevent their citizens from gaining access to the Internet," it points out.

Included in this list of "real enemies" are nations such as Belarus, Burma, China, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, and Vietnam.

Also identified are countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, like Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

In the case of Saudi Arabia, for instance, despite the presence of 37 private companies permitted to operate as ISPs, "all traffic at the moment goes through the servers of the Science and Technology Center, a public body, which is equipped with filters banning access to sites that provide 'information contrary to Islamic values,'" says RSF.

In that Arab nation, furthermore, the Internet has been officially regarded as "a harmful force for westernizing people's minds."

In Cuba, on the other hand, the government controls the Internet in the same way it does for the other media, the study reveals. "There is no free expression in Cuba at the national level."

While in China, despite the rapid spread of the Internet, the govern-

ment continues to "keep up pressure" on users. "In order to prevent the Chinese from finding information on the Web, the authorities have blocked access to some sites," notes the study.

Evidence RSF gathered from countries like Burma and Sierra Leone point to other impediments to the Internet culture, too. In Burma, a law passed in September 1996 obliges anyone who owns a computer to declare it to the government. "Those who fail to comply may face up to 15 years in prison."

And in Sierra Leone, the authorities have attacked journalists working for an online newspaper.

Its findings also expose the consequences of such interference with access to the information superhighway. For medical students in Iran, where censorship of the Internet is identical to that affecting other media, it has meant being denied access to Web sites that deal with anatomy.

For RSF, such efforts at censorship go against the grain of Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which states that everyone shall have the right to receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of the frontiers.

Moreover, it adds, 14 of the countries where such censorship occurs have signed this international covenant to uphold the rights spelled out in it. These countries, declares RSF, need to "respect the undertakings they made."

The restrictions have posed a dilemma for some of the 45 countries listed by RSF. That stems from the economic potential of the Internet, as a catalyst for growth and development.

"The Internet is a two-edged sword for authoritarian regimes," remarks RSF. On the one hand, "it enables any citizen to enjoy an unprecedented degree of freedom of speech and therefore constitutes a threat to the government."

"On the other hand, however, the Internet is a major factor in economic growth, due in particular to online trade and the exchange of technical and scientific information, which prompts some of these governments to promote its spread," it adds.

This dilemma, in fact, comes to light in two East Asian countries — Malaysia and Singapore. According to RSF, "The economic argument seems to be winning the day in countries such as Malaysia and Singapore, where controlling 'dangerous' sites is proving difficult for the authorities."



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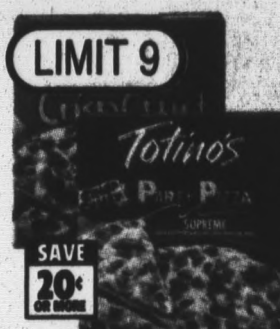
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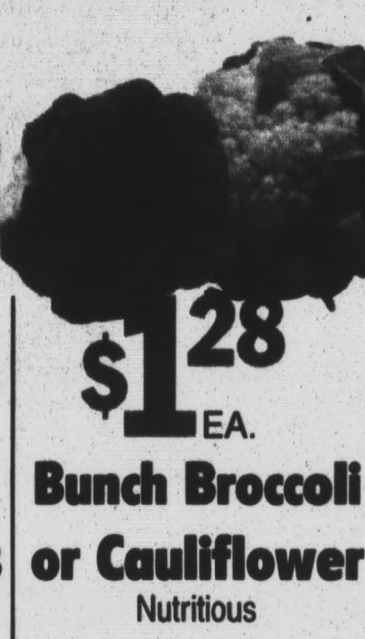


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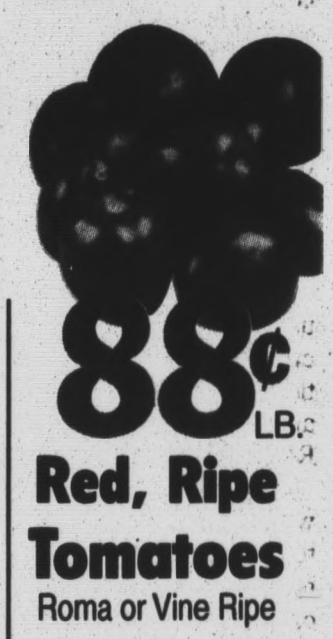
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Salt and Light

By Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin

The day of absence

Recently, I received a copy of this article and thought it was worth sharing with you:

A very humorous and revealing story is told about a group of white people who were fed up with African Americans, so they joined together and wished themselves away. They passed through a deep dark tunnel and emerged in sort of a twilight zone where there is an America without Black people.

At first these white people breathed a sigh of relief. At last, they say, no more crime, drugs, violence, and welfare. All of the Blacks have gone!!

Then suddenly, reality sets in. The "NEW AMERICA" is not America at all ... only a barren land.

1. There are very few crops that have flourished because the nation was built on a slave-supported system.

2. There are no cities with tall skyscrapers, because Alexander Mills, a Black man, invented the elevator, and without it, one finds great difficulty reaching high floors.

3. There are few, if any, cars because Richard Spikes, a Black man, invented the automatic gear shift; Joseph Gammell, also Black, invented the super charge system for internal combustion engines; and Garrett A. Morgan invented the traffic signals.

4. Furthermore, one could not use the rapid transit system because its precursor was the electric trolley, which was invented by another Black man, Elbert R. Robinson.

5. Even if there were streets on which cars and a rapid transit system could operate, they were cluttered with paper because an African American, Charles Brooks, invented the street sweeper.

6. There were few if any newspapers, magazines and books because John Love invented the pencil sharpener; William Purvis invented the fountain pen; Lee Burridge invented the type writing machine; and W. A. Lovette invented the advanced printing press. They were all, you guessed it, Black.

7. Even if Americans could write their letters, articles and books, they would not have been transported by mail because William Barry invented the postmarking and canceling machine; William Purvis invented the hand stamp; and Phillip Downing invented the letter drop.

8. The lawns were brown and wilted because Joseph Smith invented the lawn sprinkler and John Burr the lawn mower.

9. When they entered their homes, they found them to be poorly ventilated and poorly heated. You see, Frederick Jones invented the air conditioner and Alice Parker the heating furnace. Their homes were also dim. But of course, Lewis Latimer invented the electric lamp; Michael Harvey invented the lantern; and Granville T. Woods invented the automatic cut-off switch. Their homes were also filthy because Thomas W.

Spirituality: Finding the strength within

Special to The Recorder

By Charles (Zuber) Shabazz

When most of us hear this question, we consider our physical health. We can doctors concerned about our present weight, or our blood pressure, or even with what it should be. Do we exercise and eat right?

We pay attention to our physical health because there are specific measurable results. We feel the effects of cigarette smoking. Our bodies tell us when we are sick.

But what about our spiritual health? Doctors are now pointing to spiritual benefits that come from achieving and maintaining a healthy spiritual life. No longer is our physical well-being the only indicator that defines our overall health; the satisfaction we derive from our spiritual life also plays a part.

It is time to look at our spiritual health needs and explore ways to achieve an appropriate aspect of our lives. This aspect that is often neglected is how we live our lives. Our spiritual health is much harder to measure than our physical health. A blood test can tell us how we are doing. And spiritual health can be even harder to gauge. Because spirituality, itself, means something totally different to everyone.

What is spirituality?

Spirituality is an awareness of the divine or sacred core that connects everyone. It is a sense of purpose, a sense of meaning, a sense of direction. It is a sense of connection to something greater than ourselves. It is a sense of connection to the universe, to the cosmos, to the divine. It is a sense of connection to the source of all life, to the source of all love, to the source of all truth.

Spirituality is not a religion. Spirituality is not a doctrine. Spirituality is not a set of rules. Spirituality is a way of life. Spirituality is a way of seeing the world, of experiencing the world, of living in the world.

COMMENTARY

The Sankofa bird and the Bush

By MALIK RUSSELL

A terrible thing has happened; our folks are divided once again. It seems that almost everyone is pointing to Scripture as the basis for why they can support President George Dubya Bush and his program on mis-education or his newly finagled "faith-based" initiatives.

That being the case, let us turn to the book of Black Folk chapter 3, verse 6, which says, "If it looks like __ SH, smells like __ SH, then it must be B-U-S-H."

What the early antics of George Dubya's administration indicate is that Black folks once again are clearly in trouble. Before even breaking in the sheets in the White House, Bush has been able to fracture African-American leadership with a few chosen trinkets. Hopefully we are aware of the fact that the goodies we are scrambling for, are actually the crumbs from the table of the conservative Christian right?

While many of our folks begin the aimless march behind Bush, the Sankofa bird of our ancestors keeps screaming at the top of its lungs, "Look back! Look back. Hey, fool, I said look back!" Thus we will.

On May 21, 1969, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, filed suit challenging the federal tax exemptions that were being granted to "segregated academies." Authors Mary and Thomas Edsall point out in the book *Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights, and Taxes on American Politics*, that as a result of the suit, "the seeds of the full-blown Christian right can be said to have been sown ..."

The book points out that this lawsuit was the culmination of a long-term battle against segregated academies that sprang up mainly in the South after the landmark Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board*, among white communities who did not want their children attending the same schools as African Americans.

Two years later, the Lawyers Committee was victorious, however the weak regulations imposed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), failed to remove the exemptions being granted to the same schools who refused to allow African Americans access.

Things changed drastically in 1976 with the election of Jimmy Carter, who quickly appointed Jerome Kurtz as IRS commissioner. Among the first things that Kurtz did as commissioner

was to propose new changes to the IRS code that would prevent "segregated academies," from continuing to maintain the exemption necessary for them to receive public funds. What occurred as a result would prove to be both frightening and shocking.

Kurtz's move "sounded a thunderbolt" through the fundamentalist and evangelical communities. "It kicked the sleeping dog," Richard Viguere, conservative, direct mail fund-raising specialist declared. "It galvanized the religious right. It was the spark that ignited the religious right's involvement in real politics."

It also frightened the hell out of the IRS commissioner, normally used to getting calls, complaints and threats on his life. After receiving more than 120,000 letters of protest, anonymous threats and phone calls, Kurtz was forced to get Secret Service protection for himself, his wife and children.

The Republican Party recognizing the potential allies in the Christian conservative movement, jumped into the fray in 1979 when Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio and Rep. Bob Dornan of California "won passage of a rider to the IRS appropriation in 1979 barring enforcement of the regulation."

The following year, the Republican Party met in Detroit to nominate Ronald Reagan as their candidate for president. It also included in its education plank the wording, "We will halt the unconstitutional regulatory vendetta launched by Mr. Carter's IRS commissioner against independent schools."

The leader of the Christian conservative's fight against the IRS was Robert Billings Sr., then head of the National Christian Action Coalition, who later became the first executive director of the Moral Majority. Sounds familiar?

Returning to the proposed "faith-based initiatives," and the education-school-voucher plans—who is it for? Who will benefit from it? Certainly, some members of the African-American community will benefit from both programs, but not as nearly as much as those for whom it was originally intended—the Christian right.

"Vouchers have primarily been pushed by religious right groups interested in promoting their own narrow religious agenda. For example, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition con-

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Perform surgery on your plastic

By JAMES S. POORE

This is the fourth article in a five-part series on becoming a better steward of God's resources. This series is written to share with you some of God's perspective on handling money and some financial strategies on improving our spending habits.

The most needed type of surgery and least practiced by families is plastic surgery. The symptoms are too many possessions and not enough money to pay for them.

The cure is plastic surgery, cut up the credit cards. No special training or medical degree is required to perform this surgery. Write or call the issuer of each card and close the account beforehand. If the cards are available, the temptation to use them is too great and the financial consequences are too costly.

The issuer of the card has one objective, to keep you in debt. You are their lifeline. Statistics show that if you open an account you will continue to use it for 10 years, paying thousands of dollars in interest. So they will try anything to keep you using their card.

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Lord, forgive me for placing my security in credit cards rather than in you. I pray that as I cut up these cards, I will also cut up the habits associated with them. Amen.

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greater percentage of the payment goes towards the debt instead of the interest. After all, the 535 payments have been made, your interest payments will total \$14,607.30. That is almost three times the original debt. So, the debt of \$5,000 will actually cost you \$19,607.30 (\$5,000 debt + \$14,607.30 interest).

A better plan is to make more than the minimum payment required every month. It can save you thousands of dollars in interest.

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Al-Islam in America

Are reparations necessary?

By CHARLES (ZUBER) SHABAZZ
Guest columnist

In the African-American community, one of the main subjects being discussed by our leaders is reparations — compensation the government owes to certain groups for oppression and persecution the government committed in the past.

Some examples would be that the U.S. government compensated Japanese Americans for placing them in concentration camps during World War II. Also the German government gave compensation to the State of Israel and the world Jewish community for the murder of millions of Jews in death camps during the same world war.

Just recently, the Italian government granted compensation to Libya for their colonial persecution against the predominately Muslim Libyans during the Fascist regime under the late dictator Benito Mussolini.

The movie, "Lion of the Desert," starring Anthony Quinn as the famous Libyan Muslim freedom fighter depicts many of the atrocities suffered by the Libyans.

Our history shows our foreparents enduring the worst persecution that has ever been suffered in the world. With a past, so smothered with darkness and sadness, we certainly deserve compensation from the U.S. government.

However, what we have to understand is why the United States gave reparations to the Japanese Americans when they should have given it to African Americans.

The groups mentioned previously received reparations, but they did not allow their dark pasts to become barriers to achieving success as a nation or an ethnic group. Rather, they used their dark past as a motivation to keep themselves united and working together to establish strong community life.

They would seriously educate and prepare their youth to become tomorrow's leaders so that their communities and countries will never be destroyed.

Unfortunately, African Americans continue, even in the year 2001, to sing the blues about how the white man persecuted him and his people. He uses this as an excuse to keep himself and his people from achieving success in building community life, while in his community of so many churches, drugs, crime, promiscuity, liquor stores, gambling and welfare recipients are abundant.

Those who are active in demanding the government to give our people reparations must know and understand that no people or government would respect those groups who have yet to prove themselves. We need a deeper desire to clean up their own communities and do something for self.

No government will respect people who want to continue to cry the blues all the time and not do something to solve their own conditions, regardless of race, color, or creed.

The former leader of the Nation of Islam, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad during his last speech before his death at Savior's Day in

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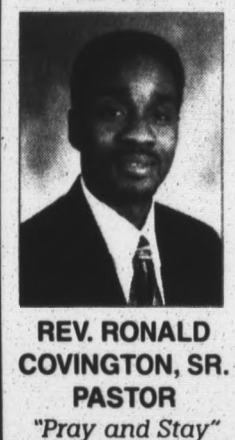
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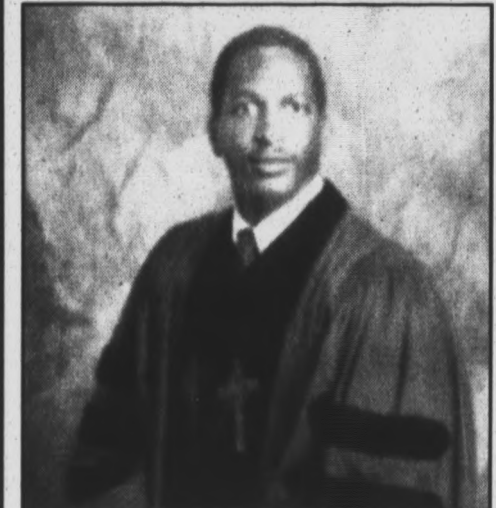
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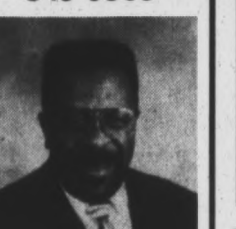
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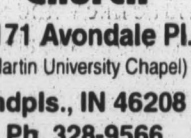
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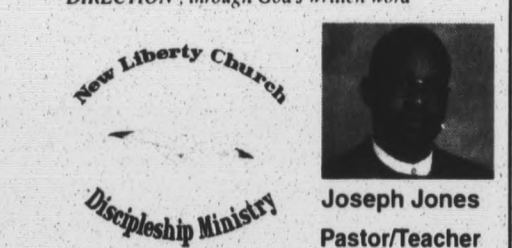
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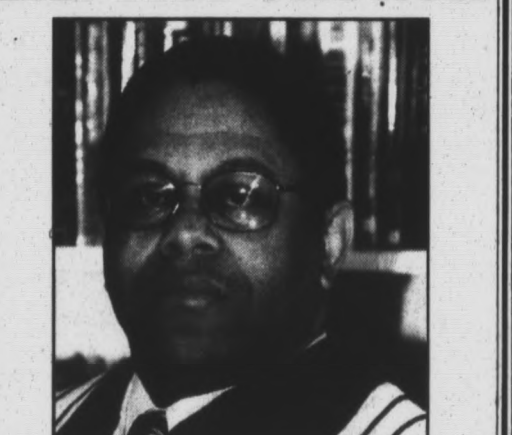
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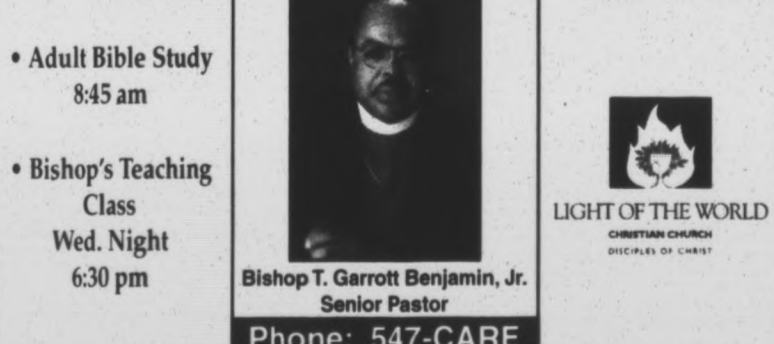
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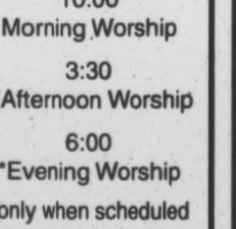
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A 'Love Sweet Love' offering from Allen & Allen

By ANTRACIA MERRILL

After a break from recording, gospel jazz duo Allen & Allen will be releasing their sixth album, "Love Sweet Love," on March 13.

Not only is the album building upon an already strong foundation — the group has won a number of Stellar and Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) Excellence awards — but it marks the first project on the pair's new record label, Allen & Allen Music Group.

Allen T.D. Wiggins and Bruce V. Allen, saxophonist and keyboardist respectively, have been blending jazz and gospel for a mix they call "inspirational jazz."

Wiggins explained, "With 'Love Sweet Love,' we really feel

Eye on Gospel

that we have blended a wide variety of musical styles, so that there is truly something for everyone. We've taken elements from gospel, jazz, R&B, and praise and worship music and fused them into a new sound, while still using traditional hymns and classic songs."

The title of the project is derived from the classic Burt Bacharach and Hal David composition, "What the World Needs Now," which is featured on the CD.

The single boasts the vocal ar-

rangements and background vocals of Take Six members, Mark and Joey Kibble.

The album also features Allen & Allen's take on classic hymns like, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Jesus Loves Me." They also pay homage to contemporary gospel writers with arrangements of "Jesus, the Mention of Your Name" penned by Donnie McClurkin; "When You Praise" composed by Fred Hammond; and Darius Brooks' "Safe in His Arms," the Milton Brunson/Thompson Community Choir classic.

Praise and worship music is also well represented by Allen & Allen's outstanding take on "Holy Is the Lamb," originally popularized by Oleta Adams. They also honor the legacy of the late jazz

artist Grover Washington Jr. with the single titled "'Groover' Washington."

Allen & Allen are also using their record label to help nurture new talent. The first act to be signed to the new company is critically acclaimed comedian Rod Z (Zeigler). His upcoming video and CD project, "Stop Me if I'm Lyin'," will be released in July.

For more information on "Love Sweet Love" and Allen & Allen Music Group, visit their Web site at: www.allen-allenmg.com/home.

In a deal sealed earlier this month, Nashville-based Provident Music Distribution has scored exclusive rights to the distribution of Gospo Centric and B-Rite Music to the Christian marketplace.

The arrangement goes into force on April 2, just one day before the

release of the soundtrack to the Fox Searchlight movie "Kingdom Come," featuring the music of Kirk Franklin, Trin-I-Tee 5:7, Deborah Cox, Natalie Wilson & the S.O.P. Chorale, INC, and Carl Thomas.

In other signing news, songwriter and Colorado Mass Choir director Joe Pace recently paired with Integrity Music for a multi-album production agreement for a new product series entitled "Joe Pace Presents." The series — keying in on praise and worship with an urban church flavor — officially launched with the release of "Let There Be Praise" featuring Kirk Whalum on the cut, "I Worship You, Almighty God."

This week's Scripture: "Your righteousness reaches to the skies. Oh God, you who have done great things." Psalm 71:19

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1974, taught a message to lead his followers to a higher plane of understanding. He instructed us to no longer place all of our faults against Caucasians, instead to start focusing on ourselves as a people uniting as a community doing something for self.

The Hon. Elijah Muhammad even said that we should respect anybody that respects us and that people, including Caucasians, would help us as long as we are

actively building community life for ourselves.

This is why our leaders in the past, such as Booker T. Washington, was well loved and respected by African Americans and Caucasians, because of his determined leadership to bring African Americans to community independence.

For someone, Black or white, to call Booker T. Washington an "Uncle Tom," because he was respected by Southern Caucasians,

is a 100 percent farce. Research and study of the aims of Booker T. Washington will show this fact is true.

So we as African Americans must implement community spirit and not allow differences along religious, philosophical, socioeconomic, or skin color to be barriers against unity. We need to come together and establish seminars on how we should pool our resources, increase business

growth and circulate dollars within our community.

We should even learn to use our economic independence to financially support our politicians who are actively looking over the interests of the African-American community, and the general community as a whole.

So if we achieve spiritual reparations by establishing community life, schools, businesses, community centers, masajid (mosques) and

other houses of worship for the purpose of unifying under the oneness of Allah (G-d), and not dividing, then we can successfully achieve material reparations from the U.S. government.

Your questions and comments are welcomed. Send them to Al-Islam in America, c/o Imam Mikal Saahir, Nur-Allah Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Or e-mail: nurallah@juno.com

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Steward invented the mop and Lloyd P. Ray, the dustpan.

10. Their children met them at the door barefooted, shabby, motley, and unkempt. But what could one expect? Jan E. Matzelinger invented the shoe lasting machine; Walter Sammons invented the comb; Sarah Boone invented the ironing board; and George T. Simon invented the clothes dryer.

11. Finally, they were resigned to at least have dinner amidst all of this turmoil. But here again, the food had spoiled because another Black man, John Standard, invented the refrigerator.

Now, isn't that something? What would this world be like without the contributions of Black folks? Martin Luther King Jr., said, "That by the time we leave for work, we have been dependent on half the world — modern America is created by dependencies on the inventions from the minds of Black folks."

Black history includes more than just slavery, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey and DuBois. Black history is American history and the history of America would not be so, without Black people. And if you didn't know, now you know. Peace!

Note: You can be proud of who you are without hating any other race. Let's be happy to be Black. We have rich heritage. And let's share these things with the younger folks so that they are not confused about who they are.

Remember, "you are the salt of the Earth and the light of the world" ... you can make a difference ... you really can!

Send comments and suggestions to e-mail: Matt51314@aol.com or write to Salt and Light, c/o Dr. Benjamin, P.O. Box 18088, Indianapolis, IN 46218.

Winston's leadership recognized by church alliance

Robin Winston, chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party, received an award for leadership from the Missionary Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis and Vicinity.



Robin Winston

The alliance, representing more than 100 churches, gave its "Community Service Award for Meritorious Contributions" to Winston because of his appointment two years ago as the first African American chair of

the Indiana Democratic Party. At the same time, the alliance also recognized Winston for Leading Democrats last year in re-electing Gov. Frank O'Bannon, the man who appointed Winston as state party chair.

The alliance also recognized Winston for his advocacy of African-American political candidates such as Sheriff Oates Archey of Grant County.

the Indiana Democratic Party.

"We recognized Robin for advocating in the wider community values of equality, dignity and inclusion that members of our congregations believe in with all their heart," said the Rev. Dr. Melvin B. Gorton Jr., pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church.

"Six years ago, Robin was a leader in urging Gov. O'Bannon to begin his INspire program of working with churches on civic projects," Gorton said. "Robin has long understood that churches are a foundation of American civic life, especially black churches in the black community. He always reflects our values in his work, and we applaud him for doing so."

Among his notable civic activities, Winston was recently appointed as a trustee of the Indianapolis Museum of Art by Mayor Bart Peterson.

Winston, 43, lives on the Westside of Indianapolis with his wife, Charlitta, and their daughter, Chloe.

Women of Excellence

The Mt. Zion District C.O.G.I.C. will be sponsoring the "Woman of Excellence Banquet" honoring Nannie B. Bartlett's 80th birthday and 40th year as district missionary. The event will be held on March 3 at the Indianapolis Marriott, 21st Street and Shadeland Avenue. For more information contact Sharon L. Rush at (317) 423-9655.

Religion Briefs

AME churches announce Lay Day Dates

Conference officers and local lay presidents made their reports including dates of their Lay Day Programs where applicable, which were favorably received:

1st Church, Gary—Florence Sadler, President—Lay Day, April 22

Bethel, Indianapolis—Shirley Jones, President—Lay Day, April

29 Bethel, Plainfield—James V. Gilbert, Sr., President—Lay Day, April 29

Bethel, Muncie—Archie Davis, President—Lay Day, March 25

St. Paul, Indianapolis—Eugene Bently, President—Lay Day, March 11

Robinson Community, Indianapolis—Alter Collins, President—Lay Day, Sept. 9

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siders vouchers one of its top legisla-
tive priorities.

Even some non-religious initial sup-
porters of the Milwaukee plan now
claim they were used by the religious
right and ultra-conservative groups and
"deeply resent being tricked," said Barry
Lynn, head of Americans United for
Separation of Church and State, in a
1999 Washington Post article.

Others, while seeing some potential
in the idea of school choice, agree that
the school voucher plans are a little like
lotto — somebody's going to hit, but
the rest of us will go home empty
handed. "No voucher system guaran-
tees that every child who applies will be
selected to attend the private school. In
fact, religious schools currently reject
two of every three children who apply.

"In short, vouchers will force tax-
payers to support two entire education
systems — public and private ..." said
Bob Chase, president of the National
Education Association (NEA), a few
years earlier in an 1996 article.

The major question staring directly
at the so-called "African-American
leadership," is to what extent are they
caught up in someone else's battle? Do
some of our "faith-based" leaders actu-
ally believe that the Christian right
views them as brothers in the struggle?
That, when the rights of their "faith-
based" congregations are being as-
saulted such as Amadou Diallo, their
Christian right-wing faith-based part-
ners will join them in protest?

While pondering the above, let us
consider what other long-term Republi-
can and conservative platform initia-
tives President Bush will likely try to
enact?

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Did someone say tax cut? The 1981
tax cut initiated by Bush's philosophi-
cal father Ronald Reagan, "included
the most generous business tax reduc-
tion — \$164 billion — in the history of
the nation. Estate and gift taxes, which
fall most heavily on the very wealthy
were cut by \$22.1 billion over six years.

In contrast, the average working
family with a median income received
an income tax cut worth about \$255 a
year (by 1984), most of which (about
\$177) was taken back in increased
Social Security taxes.

Currently, many opponents of the
president's proposed tax cut argue that
it will once again provide a huge wind-
fall for the once again and billion dollar cor-
porations, many of whom pay zero in
taxes and actually get refunds from our
government due to Reagan's generos-
ity.

It has become an unfortunate stan-

dard for many in the African-Ameri-
can pantheon of so-called leadership to
serve as "pawns of distraction," while
others get the benefits. Simply look at
affirmative action, which our folks seem
to feel responsible for defending, when
the biggest beneficiaries have been
Caucasian women?

Where are the vanguard of Cauca-
sian women or women's organizations
when affirmative action is maligned?
Or when we protest the election results,
while Al Gore capitulates. The major
reason that many of the beneficiaries of
the "Black struggle" are nowhere to be
found is that they have realized some-
thing that former Congressman Wil-
liam Clay sought to promote in the
African-American community "no per-
manent friends or enemies, just perma-
nent interests."

The same process now appears to
be unfolding once again with Bush's

education and "faith-based initiatives,"
where Black folks get pushed out in
front of the oncoming Mack truck,
while the true beneficiaries watch from
distant ivory towers.

This begs me to question, what is
next on the agenda for Bush? Being
unable to predict the future, I cannot tell
you for sure, but I'm sure we can find
a few hints by reviewing the actions of
the previous Republican presidents. Or
maybe we can hearken as the Sankofa
bird reminds us, "a bird in the hand is
worth more than two in the __ SH."
OVERSTAND.

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Mrs. Grace A. Oglesby
Burton

Mrs. Grace A. Oglesby Burton, 85,
Indianapolis, died February 19. She
was a lifetime volunteer and Pastor's
wife. Mrs. Burton was a member of
Phillips Temple Christian Methodist
Episcopal Church and a recipient of the
Jefferson award in 1983. She was also
the First African American president
of the Church Women United of India-
napolis; former president of the India-
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president of the Christian Methodist
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Memorial CME; and wife of presiding
Elder and former Pastor of Phillips
Temple CME Church, Reverend
Herbert L. Burton. A member of
Phillips for 27 years. Her and her hus-
band serviced together in the ministry
for 27 years. Former piano teacher for
disadvantaged children. Founder of the
happy hour club for the blind. She is

survived by her husband, Reverend
Herbert L. Burton; son, J. Morris Ander-
son; daughters, Alfretta O. Graves,
Jacqui L. Burton-McCullough; sister,
Ruby Williams.

Mrs. Pearl M. Wright Lyons

Mrs. Pearl M. Wright Lyons, 72,
Indianapolis, died February 18 at St.
Vincent Hospital. She had worked at
Western Electric, and as an active par-
ent, she completed the necessary stud-
ies to become a tutor in the Indianapo-
lis Public School System and the Catho-

lic Schools. Mrs. Lyons was a member
of St. Monica Catholic Church and its
Young at Heart Club, Crispus Attucks
Class of 1945 Alumni Committee. She
is survived by her husband, Roger
Lyons Jr.; three sons, Roger I. Lyons;
Bobbie Lyons and Gilbert M. Lyons;
four daughters, Valerie Roberts,
Paphretta MacIsaac, Terri Louise Lyons
and Kelly Marie O'Brien; 13 grand-
children; fifteen great-grandchildren;
foster children.

Elder Cecil Edward Golder
dies

On February 15, 2001, 3:30 p.m.,
Elder Cecil Edward Golder, 71, took
his leave from his earthly tabernacle in
Little Rock, Arkansas and arrived into
the presence of God; to another build-
ing not made by hand.

Golder graduated from Crispus
Attucks High School and completed
the necessary course of study and passed
the necessary examinations to become
a licensed real estate agent. Embracing
his need to serve his country, he en-
listed in the United States Army, where
he was honorably discharged as a cor-
poral in 1947.

He was the pastor of The Gospel
Lighthouse Church of Little Rock,
Arkansas, mentored by renowned
brother, Elder Morris Ellis Golder. As
a licensed real estate agent, Golder was
gainfully employed at Naval Avionics
where he retired with many honors and
rewards for his loyalty and commit-
ment.

It was not long before Elder Golder
heard yet another call causing him to
proclaim, "I must be about my father's
business."

Obedying the call, Golder became a
national evangelist of the Pentecostal
Assemblies of the World, Inc.

Even as his health began to fail, he
still attended to his flock. He was a
profound teacher and preacher of the
gospel and did not segregate himself
from other denominations. One of his
final messages was entitled, "His word,
His will, His way," and "As for God,
his way is perfect; The Word of the
Lord is cried he is a buckler to all them
that trust in him."

He knew his word, He was in His
will and Pastor Golder knew His way.
Calling is Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9
a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Grace Aposto-
lic Church in Indianapolis with fune-
ral to follow. Interment at Crown
Hill Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a
loving wife of 50 years, Unlaine
(Hicks) Golder; two sons, Elder Cecil
E. Golder, Jr. and Elder Donald L.
Golder; five daughters, Gloria Sand-
ers, Carmen Arila, Sharon R. Golder-
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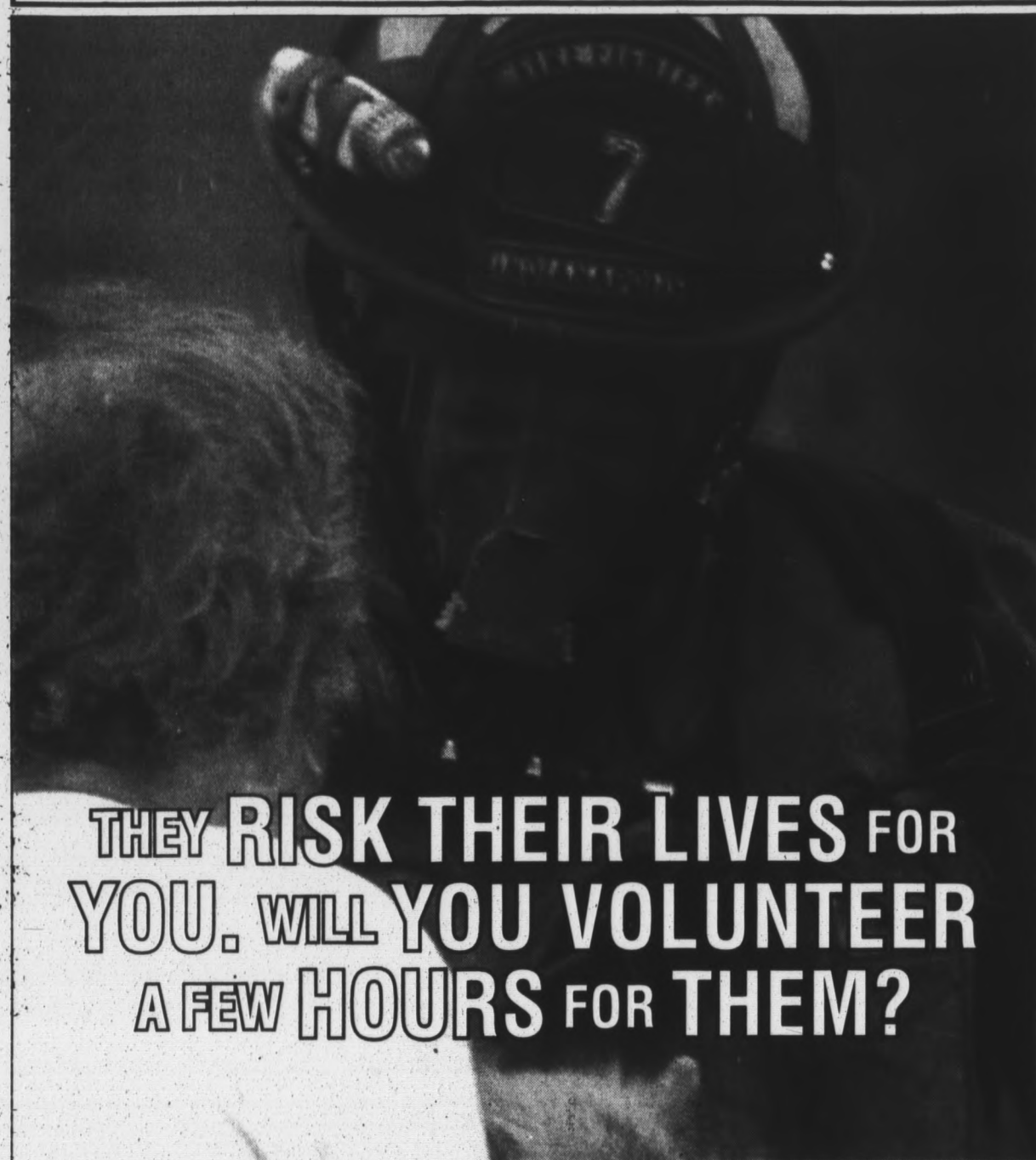
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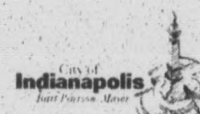
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just looking for somebody to blame. I'd do anything to not be here today, to not address this subject," said Marlin, speaking for the first time since the racing world learned of Earnhardt's death Sunday night.

"If people just come back to their senses, listen to what everybody's saying and watch the tape, that's all I ask," he said by telephone from his home in Columbia, Tenn.

Earnhardt was killed on the last turn of the last lap of NASCAR's season-opening race, slamming head-on into the concrete wall after making contact with Marlin at the front of a tight pack of five cars fighting for position.

"I definitely didn't do anything intentional. We were just racing our guts out on the last lap of the Daytona 500," said Marlin, a two-time Daytona 500 winner who was a longtime competitor and friend of Earnhardt's.

"I've only seen the tape once, but from what I saw, it was a totally racing accident," he said. "Kenny (Schrader) pulled up to make it three-deep going in, with me on the bottom."

"Some other guys were closing fast and I think Rusty (Wallace) got up on him and got him loose. Dale and my car barely touched, and it sent my car across the apron, and Dale's, too. He overcorrected and then I didn't see him again."

Marlin somehow kept his car going straight and went on to finish fifth in the season-opening race.

"It was pure luck I caught it," he said. "When you run across the apron at Daytona at 180 miles an hour, you usually don't come back."

Earnhardt didn't, sliding into Schrader. The two of them then slammed into the wall. The 49-year-old Earnhardt, a seven-time Winston Cup champion and the greatest driver of his era, died instantly of massive

head injuries.

Almost immediately, the threats and e-mails started for Marlin.

Chip Ganassi Racing team spokeswoman Gigi Liberati declined to go into detail about the phone calls and electronic messages, and she declined to say what kind of security measures have been taken.

"You have to look at every threat as serious. I obviously can't go into detail about what will be done, but there will be precautions," she said.

A patrolman was on duty outside the Ganassi race shop all day Tuesday.

By Tuesday, however, Marlin said the hate mail had slowly turned to messages of support.

"I didn't look at the computer, but I heard it did have some pretty bad stuff on it," he said. "Today, I heard it was all reversed. The calls I got, there wasn't a negative call from anybody."

Like Marlin, Wallace has been shaken by The Intimidator's death.

"He and I were about as close friends as you can get in our sport, with the competition and all that goes along with it," said Wallace, who avoided the sliding cars in Sunday's race and finished third. "I just keep on running that last lap in my mind and keep saying to myself, 'Man, if I'd just been able to give him a little tap from the rear ... that could have meant all the difference in the world.' It's just a helpless feeling I have."

Marlin agreed with NASCAR's decision to go on with the race in Rockingham, N.C., on Sunday.

"Dale would want everybody to go and give it 100 percent," he said. "In part, I dread it. But, once you're in the car, nobody is messing with you. Dale had been doing this since he was a kid, and so have I. Getting in that race car is what we do."

Although no one was seri-

ously injured in the other wreck in Sunday's race — a 19-car pileup that looked far more dangerous than the accident that killed Earnhardt — new aerodynamic rules put in place by NASCAR to tighten up on-track competition have come under scrutiny.

Marlin said he likes the fact that, with the new aero package for Daytona and Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR's longest and fastest ovals, cars can pass and don't have to stay in long lines lap after lap.

On the negative side, it keeps the field bunched up at high speed, and one small slip by one driver can lead to disaster.

"I stayed awake all Sunday night trying to think how you'd fix it," Marlin said. "Maybe we could sit down with some drivers and (NASCAR president) Mike Helton and them and try to fix it."

The subject came up again Tuesday in a telephone conversation between Marlin and fellow driver Jeff Burton.

"He said, 'How you going to fix it? You've got to fix it somehow,'" Marlin said. "They've got to get some way that the best cars that handle good can separate ... from the cars that don't handle good."

The debate continues to rage over the use of the Head And Neck Safety device (HANS), which is worn around the neck and is intended to keep the driver's head from flying forward and hyperextending after a hard impact.

Only a handful of drivers are using it.

Although he has issues with how the HANS device would affect his field of vision while racing and his exit from the car in an emergency, Marlin said, "I'm going to look at it and try it. I think all the drivers will."

As for Sunday's race, Marlin said, "I'd like to go to Rockingham, dominate the race, win and dedicate it to Dale and his family."

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Indianapolis seeks women's Final Four

Source: AP - AP Wire Service

Editors Note Moved first for Sunday AMs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nine months after playing host to their fourth men's Final Four tournament, Indianapolis sports officials are bidding for another.

The Midwestern Collegiate Conference, the Indiana Sports Corp. and Butler University submitted a final bid last week for the women's Final Four in 2005 or 2007.

The bid was nearly identical to previous bids for the men's tournament, except that it offered Conseco Fieldhouse as a possible site in addition to the RCA Dome.

Butler Athletics Director John Parry expects the NCAA women's basketball committee to announce its choice by June. He did not know what other cities were bidding.

If Indianapolis is chosen, the committee will decide whether the event is held at the dome or the fieldhouse, Parry said.

There are advantages to each site. The RCA Dome seats more people and has hosted the event three times. But the fieldhouse is a more intimate setting and has an old-fashioned basketball aura, said Rick Fuson, the arena's executive director.

This year's women's Final Four will be played at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, which seats almost 22,000. Indianapolis is scheduled to host the men's Final Four again in 2006.

Sports

Pacers schedule two-a-days

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

The Indiana Pacers went back to the basics on Tuesday, and that meant their first two-a-day practices since training camp last fall.

Even with a victory on Sunday over the Los Angeles Lakers, the team that ousted Indiana in the NBA Finals last season, the Pacers still are five games under .500 and battling Boston for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"When you have a young team such as this, where they're still developing and still growing and still making mistakes, you've got to have everyone available and everybody's got to be ready to play," Pacers coach Isiah Thomas said after the first of Tuesday's two practices.

"You just want to keep building on the offense and on the defense, keep working on the little things, keep building their fundamentals so when they go out in a game they feel comfortable executing. I didn't hear the locker room talk, but most of the guys are pretty receptive to it. We've got a lot of work to do and we just have to put in the time."

The Pacers also will practice twice, morning and evening, on Wednesday and then once on Thursday before leaving for Cleveland for their next game Friday night.

The players didn't seem to mind the double workouts.

"It doesn't matter to me. I'm young," said forward Al Harrington, who turned 21 on Saturday. "I can do whatever: Three, four, five times a day, it doesn't matter. Like coach says, when March comes, there's not going to be much practice time, so we need to get as much time as we can. I'm all for it."

Harrington, one of three Pacers who entered the NBA out of high school, has started the past four games and has averaged 13 points over that span.

Reggie Miller and Jalen Rose are the only starters back from last season.

"We need to get better. Anytime you have a young team and you're five, six games under .500 and you can have a few practices a day, you have to take advantage of them," Miller said.

"Hopefully, it can get us crisper at both ends of the floor, and for guys that don't get a lot of playing time, guys that have had some injuries, guys coming off IR like Sam (Perkins) trying to get back in the flow, two-a-days are good."

Rose, the team's scoring leader this season, said the Pacers still have plenty to learn.

"Obviously, it's uncharted waters having two-a-days after you've played 50-plus games," he said. "but at the same time, we're dealing with a different element (with younger players) this season. If it's going to make our team better, I'm all for it."

Harrington said the 110-109 victory over the Lakers, with Miller scoring 33 points and Rose 19, gave the Pacers a big boost in confidence.

"Everybody's walking around here with a different aura about themselves, and we needed that," Harrington said. "We're finally believing in each other once again. But after beating the Lakers, we can't afford to go into Cleveland and drop a game. So that's our focus now, one game at a time."

Earnhardt's tragic death felt in Indianapolis

AP Wire Service

Flags flew at half-staff and more than a dozen bouquets were scattered in front of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Tuesday in memory of Dale Earnhardt, who had driven in every Brickyard 400 and won the second NASCAR race at the famed track in 1995.

Earnhardt was killed Sunday in a crash on the last lap of the Daytona 500.

"The loss of Dale Earnhardt is an unbelievable and devastating tragedy to his family, his many fans and to the sport of auto racing," Speedway president Tony George said.

"It is very difficult for me and for our family because of our close friendship with Dale, Teresa and their children. He personified what NASCAR is about."

Flowers were placed by fans at the fountain in front of the Speedway's Hall of Fame Museum, along with other items such as Earnhardt hats, flags and model cars. A framed picture and sign read, "Young or old, you were loved by all."

One fan, Bob Gerald, 41, said, "I wasn't for him or against him, but he did a lot for the sport."

Tom LeCrone, 27, another fan from Indianapolis, said, "It was a very rough night. Love him or hate him, the world of NASCAR is going to miss him."

In seven races at Indianapolis, Earnhardt had three top-five finishes, including his 1995 victory, and won \$1,296,305. Only two-time winners Jeff Gordon and Dale Jarrett and last year's winner Bobby Labonte have won more money at the Brickyard.

Earnhardt's streak at Indy included just the first six laps in 1996, when he broke his collarbone in a crash at Talladega the previous week. He yielded to relief driver Mike Skinner, but NASCAR rules credit all race statistics to the starter.

Earnhardt also drove each year at Indianapolis in the International Race of Champions series and clinched the past two IROC titles by finishing eighth in 1999 and second last year.

"Dale had a special love for the history and tradition of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and his name will always be a part of our racing heritage at the Brickyard," George said.

At nearby Bloomington, a public memorial service for Earnhardt was planned for Wednesday night.

"We just felt strong we had to do something. We're real good NASCAR fans here, and we've lost a legend," said Kelly Cissell, manager of the Deremiah-Frye Mortuary.

Elsewhere, Earnhardt fans around the state were snapping up every item of merchandise they could find.

"The group was like vultures," said Kenny Farnsley, owner of Kenny's Racing Collectibles in Evansville. "They argued over who was first through the door."

Glen Westfal of Racers Den Collectibles in Evansville pulled his stock off the store shelves Sunday night.

"I almost don't want to be a part of it now. I'm sure some people are upset with us. But we're fans before we're business (operators)," Westfal said.

At a store along 16th Street in Indianapolis across from the Speedway, fans bought Earnhardt trash cans, pillows, magnets, keychains and mugs.

"Around here, it's been like race day with Earnhardt on the pole or like the day after he won the race," businessman Jim Lubbert said.

Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller, who employs the same security man Earnhardt used when he was in Indianapolis, called Earnhardt "a true giant."

"It was very sad news and a major loss for sports in general," Miller said. "I know that myself, as well as all the Pacers, will be praying for his family."



A burning candle, right, with an inscription that reads, "3 Always the Man," is surrounded by thousands of pieces of memorabilia left behind by Florida racing fans in memory of legendary race car driver Dale Earnhardt. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

Marlin getting death threats

SportsLine.com wire reports

Sterling Marlin said he "definitely didn't do anything intentional" when he bumped Dale Earnhardt at the Daytona 500, triggering the crash that killed the stock car racing great. He said it was "pure luck" he didn't crash, too.

The bump and the fatal accident set off a flurry of ugly e-mail to Marlin's website, and threats against him and his family have been phoned to his race shop in Mooresville, N.C.

"Maybe people are frustrated and

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Dale Earnhardt gets a kiss from his daughter Taylor Nicole after winning the 1993 Fram Filters 500 Busch Grand National race at the Talladega Superspeedway. A private funeral service for Earnhardt will be held Thursday in Charlotte. (AP Photo/Dave Martin)

Colts won't be able to buy NFL championship

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Success in the NFL isn't always the result of big spending. Just look at the New York Giants, Washington Redskins and Indianapolis Colts.

The Giants went to the Super Bowl last season with the third lowest payroll in the NFL — \$57.3 million, more than 40 percent less than the Redskins spent to finish third behind New York and Philadelphia in the NFC East.

And the Colts, who had the highest payroll in the AFC East and seventh-highest overall, finished second in their division and then lost a playoff wildcard game to Miami, which was ninth overall in player salaries.

The figures, released by the NFL Players Association, show the Colts spent more than \$76.1 million in salaries and bonuses.

The highest paid Colts player was quar-

terback Peyton Manning, with a base salary of \$4.45 million.

This year, the salary cap is \$67.4 million, and the Colts still have to deal with 21 of their own free agents, including five unrestricted free agents who could go to the highest bidder. Eleven others are restricted, meaning the Colts have the option of matching other offers.

"We're right in the middle, and everybody has to restructure some contracts. We've got two or three we need to restructure," Colts president Bill Polian said.

The Colts began spending the big money two years ago "out of dire necessity, almost at any cost," he said of the move to upgrade the franchise.

While the Indianapolis offense has flourished with Manning, receiver Marvin Harrison and running back Edgerrin James, the defense still needs work, and Polian said that's a common problem.

"It all depends on who your top draft

choices are. If you're drafting in the top five to seven, and if they pan out, it will force you into a pattern, and in our case it's obvious. The Triplets (Manning, Harrison and James) are our three highest paid guys."

But, he said he had no regrets.

"We've won 23 games over two years." The salary figures also show that the Redskins, not unexpectedly, led the NFL in spending last season with \$92.4 million in salaries and bonuses after owner Daniel Snyder loaded up on big-name veterans like Bruce Smith, Deion Sanders and Jeff George. Baltimore, which beat the Giants 34-7 in the championship game was second, spending \$90.7 million.

The figures also show how confusing the NFL's salary cap can be.

Of the 31 NFL teams, the Colts and 17 others exceeded last season's cap of \$62 million, including the Cincinnati Bengals, considered to be one of the league's cheap-

est teams. The Bengals' payroll was \$68.6 million, or \$6 million over the cap.

Of the 12 playoff teams, eight were in the top half in payroll. The Giants, Denver, Minnesota and New Orleans were the only ones in the bottom half.

The free-agent period begins March 2 and teams are supposed to be at or below the salary cap, which will be around \$67 million this season. The salary figures do not represent the cap figures but a team that spent a lot is liable to have more cap problems.

"It's an ever-changing scenario," says Ernie Accorsi, general manager of the Giants, who is planning to spend major money to re-sign cornerback Jason Sehorn and running back Tiki Barber, by far the two most important of New York's free agents. Sehorn, whose salary last year was \$5.6 million, already is the NFL's best-paid cornerback.

Snapshot in Time

A Barrier falls in Bloomington

Big Ten Basketball history was made in the Bryan Hall office of Indiana University president Herman B. Wells in late-spring 1947.

Shelbyville and "Mr. Basketball" Bill Garrett were the state's heroes of the hour after they had whipped unbeaten Terre Haute Garfield and its 6-9 junior star, Clyde Lovellette, in the state championship game.

Wells, when he was inducted into IU's Athletics Hall of Fame, told of being approached by Shelbyville alumni on Garrett's behalf.

"I was astonished to learn that we didn't recruit Black basketball players," Wells said.

"I called Branch (McCraken) in and asked him if he'd like to have Bill Garrett next fall. He said, 'Of course I'd like to, but there is a gentlemen's agreement in the Big Ten that we won't recruit Black players. My fellow coaches may make it hard for me.'

"I told him, 'I happen to be chairman (of the Big Ten presidents' organization) this year. If any of the other coaches says so much as one word to you, you tell me and I'll take it to his president, and that will be the last word you will hear about it, I'm sure.'"

Wells McCracken and IU made Bill Garrett the first African-American basketball player in Big Ten history,

to the great benefit of all.

Third annual youth hockey clinic

Nextel Communications has announced that it is partnering with the Indianapolis Ice to organize a free youth hockey clinic.

The clinic will take place on Feb. 25, from 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. at Pan Am Plaza, 201 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Nextel and the Indianapolis Ice have organized the free clinic to provide children interested in hockey the opportunity to improve their skills through on-ice instruction and demonstrations from players. In addition to on-ice breakout sessions, members of the Indianapolis Ice will host "chalk-talk" sessions and sign autographs at the conclusion of the clinic.

The clinic is for children age 5 to 14 and space is limited to 150 participants. Those interested in registering for the free clinic should contact Erik Wetzel at the Indianapolis Ice at (317) 925-4423.

No holds barred

Mitchell Sports Inc. Fighting League of Championship Wrestling will be presenting Basement Brawl - Ho Holds Barred - 2K1. The event will be held at Indiana Wheeler's Boy's & Girls Club "Sports History Dome" 2310 E. 30th St. on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Bell Time. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The main event will be for the "FLC" World Heavyweight Championship between Stix and

Justice.

The "FLC" Above and Beyond next Pay-Per-View will be held on March 24.

NCAA approves eight football rules changes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA Football Rules Committee approved eight rules changes this week, including moves to speed up play.

The committee voted to eliminate radio and television timeouts during overtime, and also said a team timeout may be a minimum of 30 seconds, if desired by the team calling the timeout.

The previous timeout rule called for charged team timeouts to be 90 seconds, unless the team asked to resume play before the expiration of a minute and if the opposing team was ready.

"This change will enable timeouts taken in those instances to be brief and not interrupt the flow of the game," said Kansas State athletic director Max Urlick, chair of the committee.

The committee, which ended its three-day meeting Wednesday, also approved the use of a camera, with no audio, on the cap of the umpire during televised games, but that change is subject to the approval of the NCAA Executive Committee. If approved, it would be used only with the permission of the umpire and the teams.

Other changes include stopping the clock when a runner's helmet comes off, and making the runner exempt from the rule prohibiting hurdling.

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BOOKMARK Forgiveness and faith triumph in *Temptation*

By BRUCEIL MAYS
Staff Writer

Temptation, by Victoria Murray, is an example of a Christian marriage in which one partner strays and breaks the vows of holy matrimony.

With God as the center of the relationship, however, and prayer as its catalyst, forgiveness and faith triumph.

Its central characters, the Blakes, married for 16 years, are a happy devout Christian couple with a wonderful daughter. Jefferson Blake is a successful physician; Kyla Blake, while active in the church and working on a project for battered women, wants to return to work outside the home.

Kyla's friends are an interesting study of contrasts as each interplay with Kyla based on their own personal coping agendas. Alexis Ward, a successful business woman, is a true friend of Kyla's and acts accordingly, while Jasmine, the other friend, is unhappy with her own life and thus wants what Kyla has — husband, money and all.

Kyla and Jefferson have a good marriage and are committed to God. They never realize, however, that a sexual temptation, flamed by one of Kyla's best friends, would almost destroy their marriage.

When faced with this dilemma, they remember and realize that God has always been by their side and will help them as they handle this crisis.

Temptation, published by Warner Books/Walk Worthy Books is a Christian fiction book that includes Scripture, spiritual references, and Bible verses. It sells for \$19.95. The characters and the story line are realistic with struggles that could take place in all our lives.

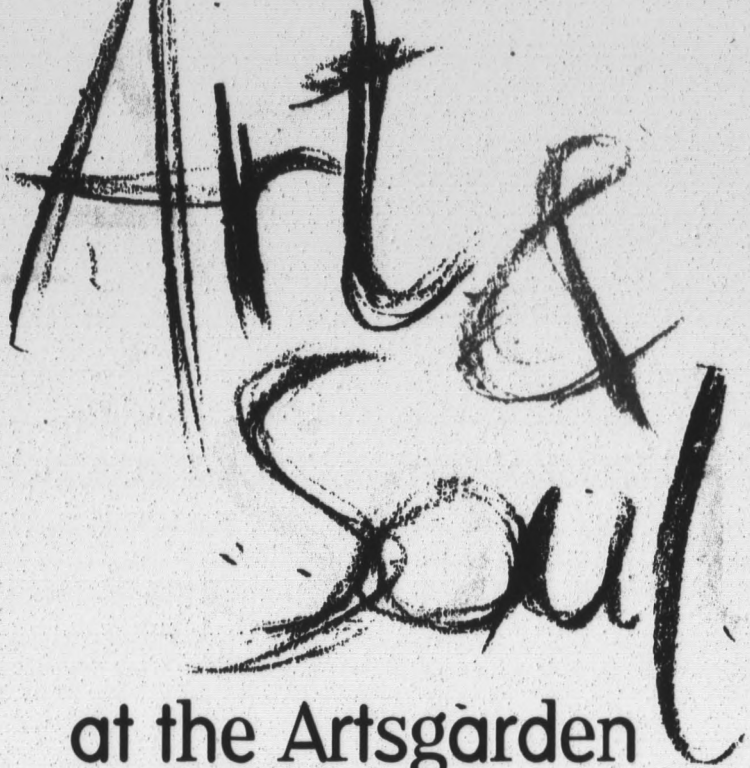
The reader is forced to view contemporary marriage, its goodness and glaring faults, through the trials of a Christian couple, struggling to make their vows last. Perhaps the most potent message the novel delivers is that committed Christians can recover from pain.

Temptation, above all, allows its readers to see what can happen when God is let into their lives, especially when all appears to be crumbling.

At times it was redundant, but it is a book you keep reading because the story is so realistic.

If you are faced with temptation or need to forgive someone for past indiscretions, it is a must read.

Victoria Murray, the author of *Temptation* is a graduate of Hampton Institute and has an MBA from New York University. She lives with her husband and daughter in Los Angeles.



at the Artsgarden

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER
Staff Writer

No longer referred to as merely a walkway to Old Navy, the Artsgarden applauds its sixth annual Art & Soul performances at Circle Centre.

"This has been one of our most successful years. It's becoming a tradition," said Jamie Woodruff, marketing manager for the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

Each year, Art & Soul events celebrate African Americans through artwork, musical presentations and literature.

In honor of Black History Month, festivities kicked off with an opening reception. Audiences have since witnessed a diverse schedule of events, which continue throughout the month.

Eastern Star Church Recording Choir, Freetown Village and Ilibada Dancers contributed their talents to this year's event. Marvel Davis shared her spirited collection of stories highlighting animals, talking drums and life lessons learned in adulthood.

"Most people don't know about jazz music," said Carl Hines, who enjoys playing the piano for audiences. "(Art & Soul) encourages people to listen more (to jazz). It is very relaxing."

Hines presented his musical talents during several afternoon concerts at the Artsgarden.

Art & Soul at the movies made its debut last year. It was established as a means for showcasing African-American contributions to American film as writers, directors, producers, or performers.

Both mainstream production companies and independent film companies are highlighted.

"Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored," directed by Tim Reid, received wide acclaim from audiences. The movie details life in a Black neighborhood from 1940 until the civil rights movement.

After numerous films were reviewed, partnerships were formed with Gerald Harkness of Visionary

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Events celebrate African Americans



Eastern Star Church Recording Choir

Art & Soul at the Movies

■ Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

"Family Value" directed by Bill Christopher (1999)

■ Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

"Vacant Lot" directed by Skee Skinner (2000)

■ Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

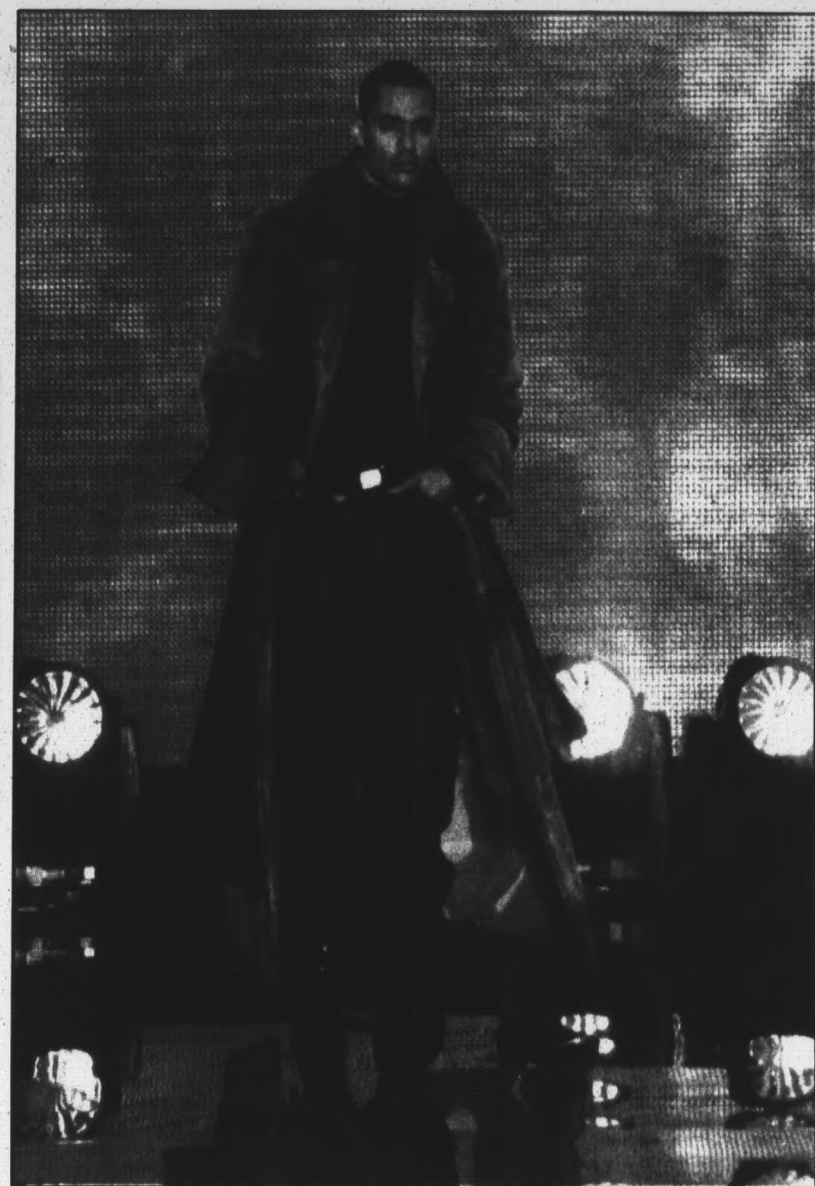
"Steppin'" directed by Gerald Harkness (1993)

■ Saturday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

"The Spirit Travels: Immigrant Music in America" directed by Howard Weiss (1991)



George Middleton



A model wears a sheered mink trench coat with leather trim, a cashmere turtleneck, bonded leather 5 pocket pants, a sheered mink and lamb leather scarf, and black boots during the Sean John Fall 2001 fashion show in New York. (AP Photo/Robert Mecea)

'Puffy' Combs debuts his fashion line

NEW YORK (AP) — Rap singer Sean "Puffy" Combs is trying to move the spotlight off of his court case and onto his more lucrative sideline as a fashion entrepreneur.

Despite his trial on weapons and bribery charges, Combs put on a runway show recently to debut the fall collection of Sean John, the menswear line that carries his first and middle names.

Among the stars in attendance were actors Stephen Baldwin and Christopher Meloni and fashion figure Tommy Hilfiger. Also present was Combs' lawyer Johnnie Cochran.

Noticeably absent was singer and actress Jennifer Lopez, who reportedly has ended her romantic involvement with Combs.

Combs' clothes varied from urban leather to dress pants and combat boots, all accompanied by a profanity-laden soundtrack.

"This is not a celebrity line," Combs said. "It comes from my heart, my crew's heart. It's not just slapping my name on it. Celebrities can't do that and put together a successful line."

And successful it is. Sean John rang up sales of \$100 million in 2000 and projects sales of \$150 million this year.

"I'm in this game to be with Dolce & Gabbana, Tom Ford, Donatella (Versace) — the top. I'm not in it for just hip-hop fashion," Combs said. "Putting it together is emotional for me. It's sexy, strong, rebellious, cocky,

humble — you'll see a full revolution of emotion."

And, according to Jeffrey Tweedy, Sean John's executive vice president, "We're taking a new direction. They're still fun clothes, but we've matured and Puffy has matured," said Tweedy.

Unlike most designer runway shows staged during New York Fashion Week, which ran through Feb. 16, the public could see Combs' show at the same time as all the retail buyers and fashion press. E! and its sister cable network, style., aired "Live from the Runway: Sean John."

"We always had an interest in the shows, and Puffy is the perfect marriage of entertainment and style," said Mindy Herman, president and CEO of E! networks.

Combs took an outfit straight off the runway to wear to a party immediately following the show. His female fans, however, will have to wait until 2002 for their Sean John duds.

"I haven't mastered womenswear — yet. I haven't done justice to the beautiful woman's body — yet."

In the less glamorous world of the courts, Combs, 31, is on trial for charges stemming from a shooting at a Manhattan nightclub in December 1999.

Combs is accused of gun possession and bribery for allegedly offering his driver \$50,000 to say he owned the gun.



Drums of West Africa

WISH to air special on segment of city's Black history

Special to The Recorder

WISH-TV, Channel 8, will air a Black History Month special program entitled "Renaissance": A Community Coming Full Circle on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

North and northwest of downtown Indianapolis is an area rich in African-American history. What remains of this area that tells the story is Lockefield Gardens, Ransom Place, and the Fayette Street district.

The half-hour special with Tina Cosby, Sandra Chapman, and Tony Perkins as segment producers, will tell how and why Blacks first settled in the area, what caused its demise, and how it came to be revitalized.

Chapman takes us back to the late 1800s and early 1900s when African Americans began the "great migration" to the North and focuses on those who settled in Indianapolis.

Perkins picks up the story around 1935, when the availability for adequate housing in the community became a problem, the concept and development of Lockefield Gardens, and how "progress" left the area relatively abandoned.

Cosby brings us to the "Renaissance," the redevelopment and revitalization of the area. John Borel, a builder, took an interest in the area in the late '80s. His small minority construction firm bid on some of the first renovations in Ransom Place.

His twin sister, Beryl, was living out of state when John suggested she invest some money in Indianapolis property. He thought the Ransom Place area had great potential. So she eventually moved back to Indianapolis and began renovations in a house on California Street, and also invested in property on Fayette Street.

Daisy Borel, John's mother, was looking for a smaller home for her and her husband. John presented her with a floor plan for a small house on Camp Street in Ransom Place. He and his partner designed it with single and empty nesters in mind. Mr. and Mrs. Borel bought the property right next door and built a similar house on the same floor plan, and Daisy eventually became the president of the Ransom Place Neighborhood Association.

This program tells the story about the pride, struggle, and miraculous survival of a small section of the city that is not only African-American history, but is also about how a 21st century city resurrected urban America.

Denise Bates is the program's executive producer. Photographers are Jim Hester, Marcus Collins, and Steve Goldstein. Rachel David conducted the research.

Celebrate the contributions
of African American inventors.

Don Rojas pioneers Internet Radio

By JUNIOUS R. STANTON
Special to The Recorder

Don Rojas, the long-time journalist, editor, visionary CEO of Communications for a New Tomorrow and founder of The Black World Today Web site, has embarked upon yet another venture — Internet Radio.

In just four years Rojas' TBWT.com has garnered recognition and praise as one of the premiere sites on the Web. The company is headquartered in Baltimore, but most of the work is done from his home just outside of Baltimore and electronically via the Internet. In 1998 Rojas was nominated for the prestigious Webby Award (the Internet equivalent of an Oscar or Emmy) in a category that also included CNN and Time magazine.

With his background in print journalism, Rojas has fashioned an interactive content oriented Web site featuring something for almost everybody. He has kept the site on the cutting edge by partnering with top journalists, writers, technology providers and content syndicators.

Now Rojas has added a new dimension to the site. The Black World Radio Network. BWRN is 30 channels of an eclectic music mix of hip-hop, R&B, vintage jazz, smooth jazz to blue grass, gospel and everything in between.

Rojas started the site with his own money and has been able to keep it operating by garnering a limited revenue base partnering with Internet advertising networks and consortiums.

Rojas has managed to avoid the pitfalls of so many Web sites by keeping his site fresh, having its finger on the pulse of the global African community, keeping it timely and topical, while remaining in the vanguard on Internet multi-media.

He has strategically partnered with cutting edge service providers

and technology companies looking to expand the range of their operations such as Everstream, Juno, VideoAXS and CommTouch Software.

While Rojas has firmly established the content side of the site, he understands he needs to exert more energy and effort on the areas of marketing and capital infusion.

"One of the things I have to do is market the site and hire a sales staff to generate revenue," he said. "I recently hired a consultant to look into ways we can generate revenues. In addition to that, we are looking for venture capitalists to invest in the company so we can continue to grow."

He said, "Everything is so volatile right now, so many of the free ISP services are going under, sites are failing and new giants are gobbling sites up everyday. We have partnered with Juno which offers a three-tiered approach, free Internet access, dial up and high-speed access."

"By partnering with them we can offer African Americans who are one of the fastest growing segments of Internet users, access to the Internet for just \$9.95 a month. So we should remain viable despite the recent merger of AOL and Time Warner which will create a virtual monopoly with their ability to provide interactive content and high speed access via the cable."

Thus far most of the programming on the various "jukebox" channels (channels that constantly stream a particular genre of music) has been provided by one of their technology providers partners, Everstream.

Beginning last month, Rojas ventured into producing original content for his talk channel and envisions starting a news channel in the very near future.

Rojas said, "There is a difference between radio on the Internet and Internet radio. For the most part what we see now is radio on the Internet. Stations port their pro-

gramming on the Web. (With) Internet radio, what we are doing is brand new. We are virtually creating a whole new entity as we go along."

He emphasized, "Our programming criterion is very basic. We want to keep it clean, keep it informative and entertaining but do what commercial radio can not do. We will do documentaries, interviews, we'll cover events, we are limited only by our imagination."

Rojas served briefly as director of communications for the national NAACP and as assistant director of communications for the National Urban League for two years. His activist background as an editor of several Black newspapers both here and in the Caribbean is reflected in the site and what he aspires to do on the radio network.

"I lie in bed at night thinking of things to do and wishing I had the resources to do them," he said.

Presently Rojas and his staff are looking for content, producers and material to augment their current stable of talk show hosts, entertainment news and profiles and comedians. For its maiden offerings the new talk channel features contributions by nationally known and local journalists, commentators, motivational speakers and comedy bits added to break the monotony of talk by spicing up the programming flow.

Rojas anticipates an increase in listeners.

"As we promote the site, more people will come," he said. "In a traditional office environment you don't have people listening to radios throughout the office or have several stations blasting simultaneously. With PCs they can sit there and listen to us in their headsets or play it over the speakers."

Rojas is a true visionary. If his vision, optimism and enthusiasm are matched by the bottom line, he will become extremely successful.

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ARIES

You deserve to live life more fully. Get your work done early to leave plenty of time for play. Seeing things clearly can aid you in reaching an understanding with a child this week. Remember children know more than we think.

Affirmation: I open up to the wisdom of children.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 26, 39

TAURUS

Love what you are doing. Put heart into your business affairs. Financial rewards come from honest emotions this week. Love and money mixes well for you now. This is a very favorable time for you to seek happiness in these two important areas.

Affirmation: Romantic and financial rewards are calling me and I listen

Lucky Numbers: 17, 29, 54

GEMINI

Your abilities to organize are excellent. It's one of those weeks when you'll get a lot of things done to your satisfaction. Your creative ideas could be money makers too. Feel good during the week thinking about the probability of money coming your way.

Affirmation: I allow good feelings to flow into my life with ease.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 34

CANCER

It's time to take care of some things that will be important in the future. The buying and selling of property are favored this week. This may be one of the best weeks of the year for shopping and reaching financial agreements. Matters of the heart are highlighted in the evening hours.

Affirmation: My love of myself makes me lovable to others.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 15, 16

LEO

Time to be adventuresome. Let the old, tried, and true rest for the week. Think of something new to get into. Going to a new location will open your mind to feelings that have been buried for a while. Go! Take a chance.

Affirmation: I give special attention to special friends

Lucky Numbers: 3, 45, 51

VIRGO

Be another way that you are. Reinvent yourself as only you can. You know that the self is only a state of mind anyway. Make a fresh start in the area of personal development. Self-confidence is on the rise.

Affirmation: I can be whoever I am conscious of being.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 32, 53

LIBRA

Keep money on your mind. Be open to business developments that could bring public recognition, a new assignment, or a raise in salary. This week you'll also be pleased with news that comes from far away. Call relatives in another town.

Affirmation: I give thanks for the blessing of life

Lucky Numbers: 33, 45, 50

SCORPIO

Seek advice. Lively conversations with a friend can get your week off to a great start! The positive accent on financial interests continues. Be careful of the feelings of loved ones. Love and money mixes well.

Affirmation: I am in tune with the best that is in me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 36, 39, 40

SAGITTARIUS

Don't block your blessing. Prosperity is looking for you. Open

your heart to it. During evening hours place a happy emphasis on family interests. Friendship is the best door to love at this time. No intrigue!

Affirmation: I pay special attention to family members this week.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 34, 51

CAPRICORN

Your inventive mind is keen at this time. The new idea can work this week. Give it a try. Get started quietly and let others become believers after they see proof. Don't try to make them understand by talking. Some that might seem bad at first will turn out to be for the best.

Affirmation: I let peace reign in my life.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 32, 35

AQUARIUS

Change your place of residence. This is a great week to think about finding a new home or start home improvement projects. Use your brain in the mornings. Use your heart after noon. Open your soul during evening hours. Truth comes from all three activities.

Affirmation: I stand firm in what I believe and am rewarded.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 23

PISCES

Winning is good food for your ego. Your confidence gets a boost as you meet challenges head-on. There's a happy accent on romance and recreational pastimes. During evening hours your intuition will be strong. Use it, especially with regards to the special person in your life.

Affirmation: I let my feelings bring me information that I allow myself to trust.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 26, 31

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Two days of Ice games downtown! It's College Night on Feb. 23, bring a student I.D. and get in at reduced rates of \$6, \$8 and \$13. On Feb. 24 hear the contemporary Christian sounds of Crystal Lewis before the game at 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 23

Jazz on the Avenue with
Harvey & the Blue Tones
Madame Walker Theatre
Center
6 - 10 p.m.
\$5

Listen and dance as Harvey & the Blue Tones jazz things up! For

an additional \$7 enjoy a buffet dinner from 6 to 8 p.m.

Feb. 23 - 25

Hilliard Lyons Spring Pops Series Concert
Hilbert Circle Theatre
Friday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.;
Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday 7 p.m.
\$16 - \$60

An exciting night showcasing instrumental music and solo's from the Broadway shows including "City of Angels," "Rent," "The Lion King," and "Titanic."

Feb. 24

Polar Bear Run and Walk
Crispus Attucks Middle School
9 a.m.

\$10 - \$16

Put on your running shoes and bundle up to brave the cold for this years 5-mile course through beautiful downtown Indianapolis.

Feb. 25

Capitol City Chorus Concert
Scottish Rite Cathedral
2 p.m.
\$10

Enjoy the sound of 100 women of all ages singing barber shop harmony A cappella. Also, see the recent renovations to the Scottish Rite Cathedral while hearing the up-beat music.

Information provided by Indianapolis Downtown Inc. For more information or a calendar of events call 237-2222 or visit www.indydt.com.

ENTERTAINMENT Briefs

D.L. Hughley at the Murat Theatre

Comic D.L. Hughley will be at the Murat Theatre along with Arnez J. and Sheryl Underwood Feb. 24. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets are available at the Murat Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets.

Evening dinner with Freetown Village

The public can participate in the Freetown Village monthly interactive theme dinner. It consists of period food, parlor games, storytelling, songs and more, while exploring the experiences of African Americans in 19th century Indiana.

Evening dinner with Freetown Village is held the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St.

For more information regarding the dinner call (317) 631-1870.

Funny Phat Tuesday's

Get your laugh on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at The Cozy, 20 N. Pennsylvania St., 7 p.m.

Busta Rhymes chooses Clive Davis' J Records

NEW YORK — Busta Rhymes has chosen Clive Davis' J Records as his new home.

Rhymes' career includes a history of chart-topping albums, smash singles and high-profile movie roles. In addition to joining J Records as an artist, Rhymes also brings Flipmode Entertainment, his own record label that debuted with a gold-selling Flipmode Squad album last year.

Brooklyn-bred Rhymes co-founded the Leaders of the New School in 1990 at age 17. His solo career began in 1990 with breakthrough performances on A Tribe Called Quest's "Scenario," and a remix of Craig Mack's "Flava in

Ya Ear." He also appeared in John Singleton's films "Higher Learning" and "Shaft." The first album, "The Coming" became a huge success with the single "Woo-Hah!! Got You All in Check." He followed up with three hit albums, "When Disaster Strikes," "E.L.E. The Final World Front" and his latest "Anarchy."

MSNBC.com and BET.com share content

WASHINGTON — MSNBC.com and BET.com entered a content distribution alliance to share news and features across both sites. The content sharing agreement further increases the scope of reporting and expands the reach of both sites to new Web audiences. Under the terms of the agreement, MSNBC.com supplies BET.com with daily feed of news headlines while BET.com provides feature content to MSNBC.com, which will be incorporated into various sections of the site including its Race in America feature.

BET.com was voted "Best African-American Community Site 2001" by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine. The site provides a combination of online content and community tailored to the unique interests, preferences and issues of African Americans aged 18-49. MSNBC.com is the number one news site based on audience tracked by internet measurement service, Media Metrix.

Visit the Motherland

Travel to Ghana through www.africaexcursions.com. See historic forts and castles dating back to the 15th century and trek through traditional villages of Northern Ghana. Many of Ghana's people were taken to plantations in American and the Caribbean. For background information on Ghana call Kwaku Boakye of African Excursions at (973) 374-1300 or visit the Web site. You may also e-mail sika@home.com or infor@africaexcursions.com.

Auditions for 'Seven Guitars'

The Phoenix Theatre will hold auditions for August Wilson's "Seven Guitars" at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Phoenix Theatre, 749 N. Park Ave. Those auditioning must have a one-minute monologue prepared. Parts are available for up to seven African-American equity and non-equity actors, three women and four men ages 25-50. Rehearsals will begin June 27. Performances run July 19-Aug. 19. Actors must be available for every rehearsal and performance. For more information call the theater at 635-PLAY.

Boyz II Men member Michael McCary returns

You may have noticed, once or twice since October, that Boyz II Men has appeared on stage as a trio. The guys aren't pulling a Destiny's Child move.

Bass singer Michael McCary was missing from the group for back treatment for his fight with scoliosis. Fortunately, the quartet will be a quartet again now that McCary is back in the swing of things and rejoining the group.

"It's good to be back," he said. "I missed singing with the guys, I missed performing and, I've especially missed our fans," he said. McCary appeared with the group on the Grammys this week.

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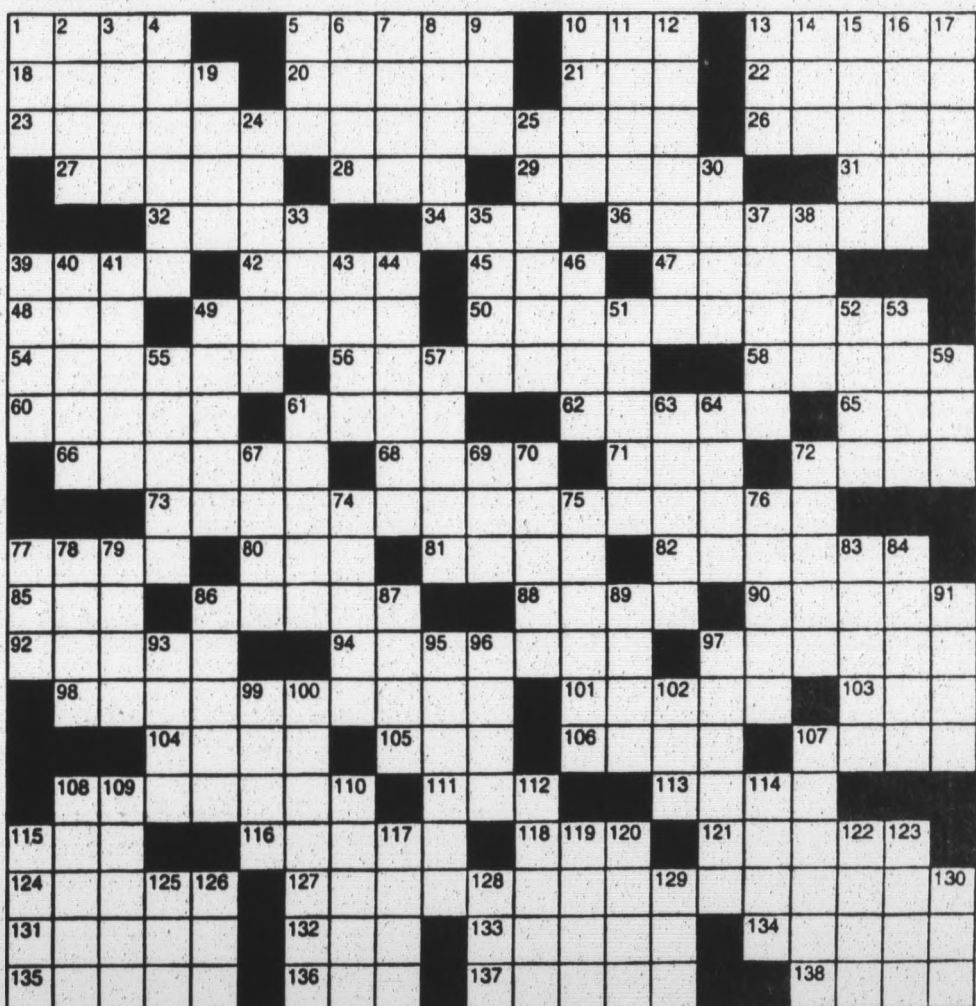


GOT A LIFE by TERRI DAVIS



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thieves
 - 5 Dress down
 - 10 Accomplished
 - 13 English explorer
 - 18 French spa
 - 20 Home on high
 - 21 A mean
 - 22 "Pygmalion" role
 - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
 - 26 On the up and up
 - 27 Director Sergio
 - 28 Grazing ground
 - 29 Overact
 - 31 Have a mortgage
 - 32 Become engaged?
 - 34 EMT's skill
 - 36 "La Boheme" girl
 - 39 Depravity
 - 42 Heavy metal instrument?
 - 45 Mellow
 - 47 Rajasthani rhythm
 - 48 Coach
 - 49 Kayak commander
 - 50 Part 2 of remark
 - 54 Verbal explosion
 - 56 Pittsburgh player
 - 58 Skirt feature
 - 60 Tangle
 - 61 "May I interrupt?"
 - 62 Vision
 - 65 Cookbook phrase
 - 66 Impressive lobby
 - 68 Catches cod
 - 71 Runner Sebastian
 - 72 Karas or Haley
 - 73 Part 3 of remark
 - 77 Suggestive
 - 80 — Na Na
 - 81 Beloved
 - 82 Type of aircraft
 - 85 Maestro de Waart
 - 86 Fusillade
 - 88 Khartoum's river
 - 90 Hopeless case
 - 92 Jeeves or Passe-partout
 - 94 Focused
 - 97 Watchful city?
 - 98 Part 4 of remark
 - 101 Perfect
 - 103 One of the Marches
 - 104 Anesthetize
 - 105 Fitting
 - 106 Manuscript enc.
 - 107 Goofy Gomer
 - 108 Field event
 - 111 — the fields we go ...
 - 113 Ballet movement
 - 115 Overwhelm
 - 116 Recruit personnel
 - 118 Good times
 - 121 Sari site
 - 124 Rent
 - 127 End of remark
 - 131 Party presents
 - 132 Myriads of moons
 - 133 "Midnight at the ..."
 - 134 "— Gay"
 - 135 Fight site
 - 136 Room for relaxing
 - 137 Marine leader?
 - 138 Hardware item
 - 1 Sports official
 - 2 Face shape
 - 3 Ill temper
 - 4 She knew how to get a head
 - 5 Droop
 - 6 Do
 - 7 Sarah — Jewett
 - 8 Pale purple
 - 9 "— volente"
 - 10 "Carpe —"
 - 11 Turn of phrase
 - 12 Bother
 - 13 "Fantasia" frame
 - 14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
 - 15 Chauvinist
 - 16 Conductor Seiji
 - 17 Yarn
 - 19 Muse count
 - 24 Snuggle up
 - 25 "The Aeneid" author
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Soul Train awards nominees mix of veterans and rookies

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Now, in its 15th production, Soul Train will present the Annual Soul Train Awards on Feb. 28. The two-hour, prime time television special will be taped from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles and will be aired on March 3.

As R&B singer **Jon B.** completed announcing the nominees last month, legendary Soul Train founder/executive producer and former host, **Don Cornelius** talked with the EUR about how proud he is of the annual program.

"I'm just really happy with the way this year's results so exem-

plify what a credible voting constituency we have. Everybody on the sheet really is happening," Cornelius said.

"There's just no soft spots. **R. Kelly** with three noms, **D'Angelo** with three, **Jill Scott** and **Carl Thomas** with three. Everybody else split the balance of the ticket between themselves," he said.

The top nominations are indeed a solid mix of vets and rookies, R&B and neo-soul, but Cornelius explained that the balance isn't necessarily about styles. He said that the balance is more in the number of nominations, that not one artist ran away with an exorbitant number of nominations.

"For instance, there wasn't room for the infamous **Eminem** to do what he seems to be experiencing with some of the general market awards shows, with four and five nominations. So, I just feel that our people hit the jackpot again," he explained.

Cornelius and his staff are be-

coming real pros at this. Soul Train started the Lady of Soul Awards in 1995 and the Soul Train Starfest in 1998, not to mention the syndicated dance show that premiered in 1983.

But who are the "jackpot hitters" that have Cornelius so pleased? Who nominates the nominees? Who votes on awards?

"It's divided into three groups of people who all work at delivering soul music or evaluating it everyday," he told us. "It's program directors at scores of radio stations; it's recording artists themselves, who have charted within the past 12 months, and the third group are employees at the retail level, in our neighborhoods, if you will. These people tend to know who's hot, who's not."

So you may know the radio station program directors, currently active recording artists, and retail personnel who may have put in a bid for **Mary Mary**, **Jagged Edge**, **Lucy Pearl**, or any of the other

nominees for the 2001 awards show; many of whom you won't find on those other awards shows.

"We think we have a good system. We wouldn't disparage any competitive system, we just think we're the best," Cornelius concluded with a sly grin.

Newsbits

If good things come to those who wait, the upcoming **Run-DMC** LP is going to be fantastic. After waiting seven years, we'll have to wait yet another month for new material from the Kings of Rap.

Their upcoming CD, "Crown Royal," has been pushed back yet again. The project was slated to be released last November, but it got pushed to March. Now the project has been pushed to April 3.

The group says they're not frustrated. "It doesn't bother me as long as people know it's coming," Rev. Run told Wall of Sound. But, with featured collabs with the likes

of **Nas**, **Method Man**, **Prodigy**, **Everlast**, **Fred Durst**, and others, awaiting fans might go stark raving mad.

Michael Jackson spent his Valentine's Day stag, but says he's still looking for that special woman. The Prince of Pop delivered a speech at Carnegie Hall on the celebrated day of love at his 70 percent sold seminar for his Heal the Kids Initiative.

Along with panelists, Mother Love, Johnnie Cochran, among others, Jackson spoke on the topic of juggling careers with family and lovers. What makes him an authority, we have no clue, but Jackson did attract a lot of attendees. After he spoke, many more seats became available.

Jackson mentioned briefly that he has not given up on love. "Rabbi Shmuley (president of Heal the Kids) keeps telling me he's going to find me the perfect woman,"

Jackson said. "And I say, 'As long as it's not a journalist.'"

Algerian director **Rachid Bouchareb**, is looking at "Roots" from a different perspective. While a number of films follow African Americans searching for their African roots, Bouchareb has made a film called "Little Senegal," which follows an African tracing his enslaved ancestors in America.

The Oscar-winning director said he wanted to illustrate the clash in cultures between new African immigrants and Black Americans. The film's protagonist is a tour guide at Senegal's slavery museum and decides to travel to the U.S. on the trail of his ancestors who were sold into slavery.

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Aunt Leslie teaches a powerful lesson

"Your aunt is back on drugs," my mother reported. She was giving me the family news during my monthly phone call home. This was hardly news. My Aunt Leslie has been struggling with her drug addiction for as long as I can remember.

"The last time I saw her on Thanksgiving, she must've been a size one," my mother went on. "Her complexion was horrible. Her face was full of black marks." From the tone of my mother's voice, I sensed that her frustration, helpless to aid her younger sister, had turned into a quiet, painful surrender.

She had become resigned that this would forever be my aunt's fate. I wanted to tell my mother that her surrender ought not accompany personal anguish because it does not matter whether my aunt gets off of drugs or not. She has touched the people around her, good, bad, and indifferent, and for that very reason her life, not even her drug abuse is in vain.

My mother's anguish along with others who know and love my aunt is completely understandable. Anyone who has met my aunt can attest to her brilliance. In her healthier days, she could have done anything that she wanted to do.

For this reason, most often when she is thought of, people are mourning the value of her unused personal potential. But this thinking is operating with judgments and under the as-

Report on Life

By Rachelle Jeanette Johnson

sumption that the quality of her life cannot be accessed until she is able to shake the two-decade old monkey off her back.

The quality of one's life is defined as their ability to give and receive life's most precious gifts. Considering this, I celebrate her life because she gives to me all the time, even if she is unable to give to herself that one thing that she needs the most — personal power to halt her addiction.

My Aunt Leslie inspires me to follow my free will. Whenever I start to doubt myself or am faced with a challenge that compromises my strength, I draw on her. I have found her spirit to be a constant source of light for me, particularly when my own spirit has been in need of courage. In fact, she has been with me this entire journey to Central America.

I agonized over the decision as to whether to come here or not. It has always been a dream of mine to live in another country and learn a foreign language, but I allowed myself to get caught up in what other people had to say

before I could make a move.

Everybody had an opinion as to why it was a stupid idea and besieged me with ridiculing questions. "Why would you want to go over there, those people want to come here?" people asked. "What are you thinking Rachelle?" people mocked.

Amidst all the cynicism and criticism, I thought of my aunt. I suddenly had an answer for the naysayers: "I have friends and family who feel as though they are unable to live their dreams, so I have decided to live mine for me AND them."

A month after my arrival in Central America, I found myself crossing the Gulf of Honduras in a small boat. We were headed to Punta Gorda, Belize, from Livingston, Guatemala. I was extremely frightened.

The waves were absolutely relentless as they smashed into our little boat every few seconds. I became certain that one of those waves was going to capsize the boat. Unable to swim, this would leave me struggling for my life, as well as my children's.

With a considerable amount of time left before we were to reach the Belizean dock, I closed my eyes and tried to center my spirit. When I opened my eyes I was surprised to discover my aunt and other relatives had replaced my fellow passengers. Some of those who had come to see me had died many years before, yet they all held lives that had faced tremendous hardships in one

fashion or another. Yet, collectively they all sat there in the boat with me smiling and reassuring me that I could indeed make this boat ride.

Then recently I met a sister from the States who reminded me of Leslie. She looked just like her, only a younger, healthier version. It was as if it was meant for our paths to cross, because she brought with her messages and tools to help me combat feelings of inadequacy and low self-worth that had crept up on me. Meeting this woman was another confirmation of my aunt's spirit with me.

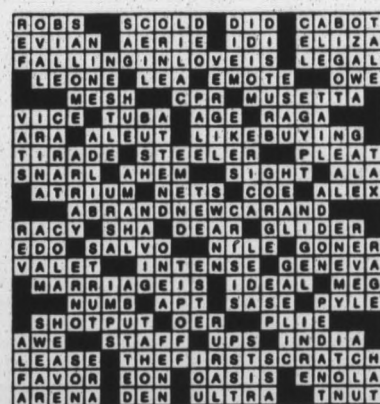
In addition to a constant comfort, the beauty of her being has laid out many of life's sweetest lessons for me as well. She has taught me that brilliance alone is not enough to make it in this life. Talents can be easily squandered if they are not nursed, cherished, and protected.

For this reason, I push myself to write and write and write and write. She has taught me not to read lives by what they seemingly lack, but by what they teach. It is this lesson that enables me to cherish the lives of those that society would have cast away, particularly those in my own family.

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Get your groove on

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BRUNCH

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1 cup pancake and waffle mix
1 cup Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal

BEAT egg in large bowl; stir in milk and oil.

ADD pancake and waffle mix; stir just until moistened. Stir in cereal. Let stand 5 minutes.

POUR 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle for each pancake; cook until bubbles form on top. Turn to brown other side. Garnish with fresh bananas and strawberries and sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired. Makes 8 pancakes.

Variation: Substitute Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal or Cranberry Almond Crunch cereal for Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal.

Chocolate Speckled Double Banana Bread

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 65 minutes

1-1/2 cups flour

1/2 cup sugar

2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

2 eggs

1-1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (2 to 3 bananas)

1/4 cup oil

1/4 cup water

1-1/2 cups Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal

1 square (1 oz.) bittersweet or semi-sweet baking chocolate, finely chopped

1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

HEAT oven to 350°F. MIX flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Beat eggs in small bowl; stir in bananas, oil and water.

Add banana mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened.

(Batter will be lumpy.) Stir in cereal, chocolate and walnuts. Pour into greased 9x5-inch loaf pan.

BAKE 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 18 (1/2-inch) slices.

Note: For easier slicing, wrap bread and store overnight.

Drizzled Chocolate Speckled Banana Bread: After bread is completely cool, microwave 3 squares finely chopped bittersweet or semi-sweet baking chocolate with 1/3 cup heavy (whipping) cream on HIGH about 1-1/2 minutes. Whisk until smooth; drizzle over bread.

Chunky Chocolate Banana Bread: Substitute 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks for 1 square (1 oz.) bittersweet or semi-sweet baking chocolate; finely chop.

Variation: For mini loaves, bake in 4 (5-3/4x3-1/4-inch) loaf pans 40 minutes.

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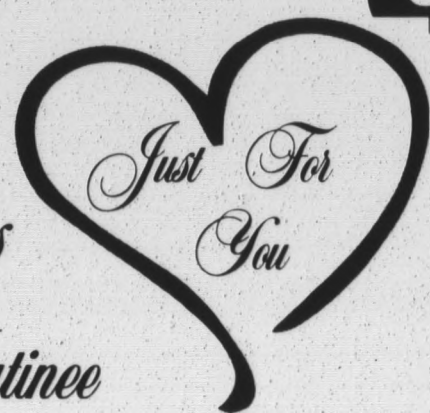


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Parenting Tips**

Teaching children about money

By JESSE B. BROWN

In previous generations, attitudes about money were different. Many of our parents and grandparents stashed money in banks and may have had a pension plan, but there wasn't much education about investing.

Today, however, it's a different story. We have available to us multitudes of options including the stock market, retirement plans, and individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

Because we have all of these opportunities, we need to start teaching our children about investing at an early age so they will grow up to be responsible, financially secure adults.

You can start teaching your children about money as early as age 6. Instead of giving them a weekly allowance, try assigning them different jobs around the house to earn money. When they receive their "wages," you can use that chance to explain the value of putting away money regularly.

Show them how to deposit money in the bank and explain how their money will earn interest. As they start to understand this concept, consider giving them an incentive to save, such as contributing 50 cents for each dollar they save.

When your children are old enough, you can explain how a business operates and why people buy and sell stocks. You could have your child pick a stock he/she would like to purchase and then buy shares in a custodial account.

That way they can learn about how the stock market works and about investing for the long term. Children will take a greater interest when it is their money that is invested, making this a great learning opportunity.

As children start to earn money on investments, you may be concerned about how their earnings will be taxed. Children under the age of 14 who have money invested for them under their Social Security number have what's called unearned income.

In 1998, if the child is under age 14, the first \$700 of unearned income is exempt from taxes. The next \$700 is subject to a 15 percent tax, and any unearned income above \$1,400 is taxed at the parents' tax rate.

When your children are young, you have the chance to teach them things they will hold to throughout their lives. Teaching them to understand the basics of investing and importance of saving is something that could pay dividends to you and your kids for the rest of your lives.

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Sunday Brunch

BRINGS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS Together

Brunch may be the best meal ever created. It combines the home-baked "wake-up" foods everyone loves at breakfast with delicious flavors that are traditionally reserved for later in the day. And this time of the year is the perfect season to serve brunch to your loved ones as the tantalizing aromas of home-made breads, muffins and pancakes waft through the house.

Next time you plan a Sunday brunch for your family and friends, make it special by adding twists to your favorite brunch recipes. For example, add delicious fruit flavor and texture to baked goods by using cereals that contain real fruit and crispy, hearty flakes.

Before the family wakes up, sneak into the kitchen and start baking. Your family will expect blueberry muffins to be on their brunch table, so surprise them by making special White Chocolate Chunk Blueberry Muffins.

Sweet blueberries from Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal float in between morsels of white chocolate and are surrounded by savory cinnamon.

The aroma alone will be enough to pull your family out from underneath their blankets.

Chocolate lovers can also be satisfied with Chocolate Speckled Double Banana Bread.

The banana "double play" is provided by ripe bananas and Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal. Drizzle with chocolate to add that irresistible touch.

Citrus Cranberry Scones are welcome on any brunch menu as the tart lemon flavor harmonizes with tangy cranberry flavor to create a scrumptious treat.

Of course, brunches need some true breakfast foods ... and pancakes are always a favorite.

To add creative flair with minimal effort, make Banana Pancakes by mixing banana-flavored cereal into the batter, resulting in thicker pancakes with richer flavor.

While these recipes — along with Cranberry Pear Crisp and Sour Cream Coffee Cake — create the perfect weekend brunch, they are also great for everyday occasions too.

So just forget about the temperature outside as these delicious homemade goodies are guaranteed to warm up your family's taste buds and attitude.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES CREATE

Family Memories

Winter's cold temperatures and long, dark nights automatically transform your home into a cozy sanctuary from the season's storms. You can provide an additional feeling of warmth in your home by placing jars of potpourri throughout your house, adding an arrangement of winter flowers to the living room and lighting scented candles when friends visit.

Then, use your homebound hibernation to engage in both new activities and favorite traditions that will build lasting memories for you and your family. Here are a few suggestions:

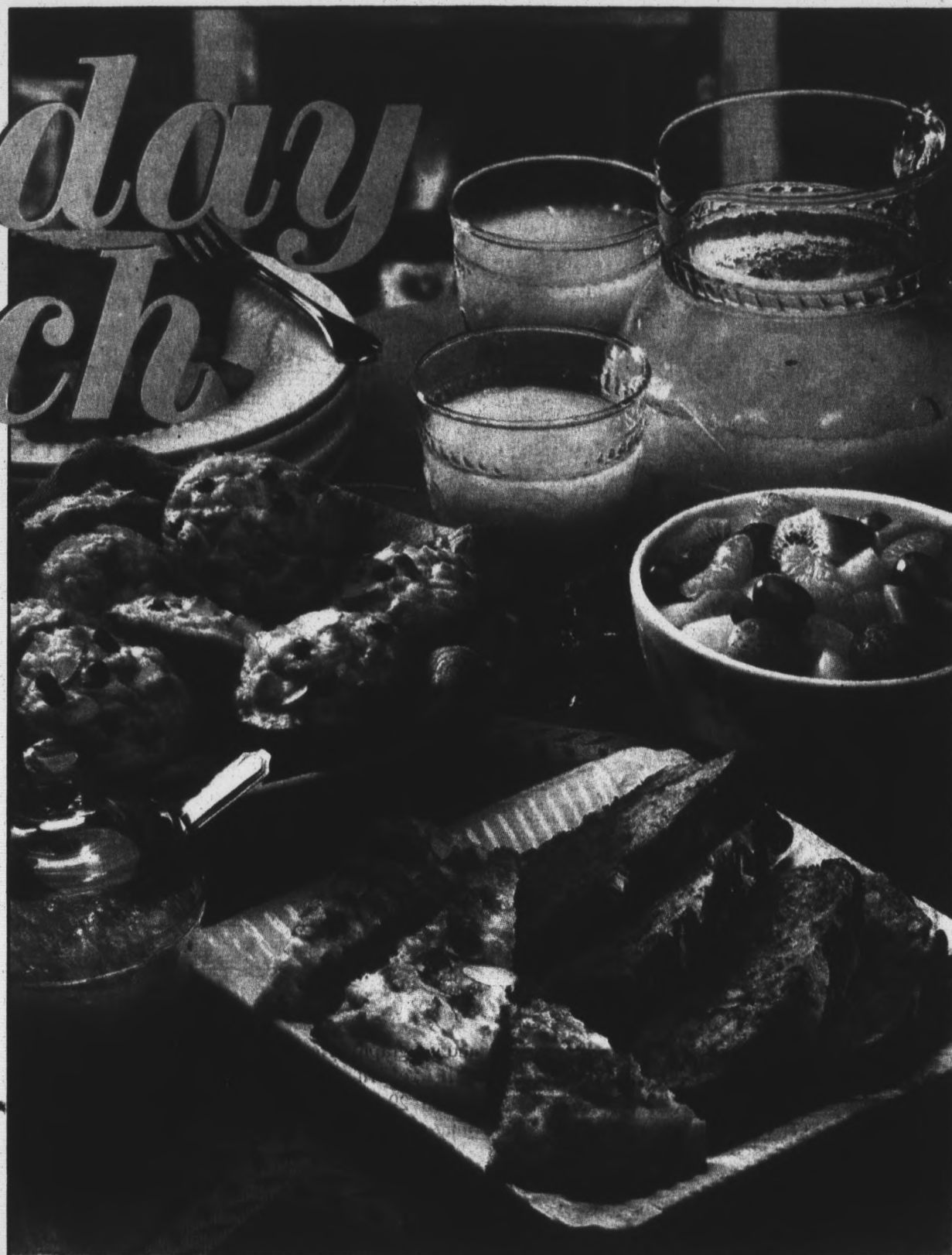
■ Nurture friends and family by baking treats and goodies. Baking remains one of the most popular activities during the winter months as you finally have the time to experiment with new recipes or try using new ingredients with your much-used recipes.

■ On a brisk Sunday evening, invite the family to bring a favorite book into the living room. Build a fire in the fireplace (or turn on the natural gas fireplace), serve hot chocolate with a touch of peppermint or cinnamon, bring in a big bowl of popcorn and snuggle under homemade quilts.

■ Gather recent photos, ticket stubs and other travel souvenirs. Then work as a family to create and personalize new pages for your family's scrapbook. Ask each family member to share a favorite memory related to the events you are preserving in the scrapbook.

■ Pull out classic board games that you enjoyed playing as a child. Start an on-going tournament between family members to determine champions of various games. Or if you prefer, assemble a new jigsaw puzzle.

■ When bad weather foils your outdoor plans, use the time to convene a family council and discuss how you can serve people less fortunate than you. While charities receive a lot of attention in December, interest often wanes during the rest of the winter.



Clockwise from top left: White Chocolate Chunk Blueberry Muffins, Drizzled Chocolate Speckled Banana Bread and Citrus Cranberry Scones.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes
3 cups Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal, slightly crushed
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup sour cream
HEAT oven to 350°F.

MIX cereal, brown sugar, cinnamon and 3 tablespoons melted butter in small bowl; set aside. Mix flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in another small bowl. Beat 1/2 cup butter in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed to soften. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla.

Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream, beating after each addition until smooth.

POUR 1/2 of the batter into greased 9-inch square baking pan. Top with 1 cup of the cereal mixture. Repeat layers, topping with remaining cereal mixture.

BAKE 40 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm. Cut into squares. Makes 12 servings.

Variation: Prepare as directed, substituting Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal or Cranberry Morning cereal for the Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal.

White Chocolate Chunk Blueberry Muffins

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 20 minutes
1 cup flour
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt

2-1/2 cups Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal

1 cup milk
1 egg
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/3 cup oil
2 squares (2 oz.) white baking chocolate, chopped
HEAT oven to 400°F.
MIX flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Mix cereal and milk in another bowl; let stand 3 minutes. Into cereal mixture, stir egg, brown sugar and oil. Add to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. (Batter will be lumpy.) Stir in chopped chocolate. Spoon batter into greased or paper-lined muffin pan, filling each cup 2/3 full.

BAKE 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm, or cool and package for gift-giving. Makes 12 muffins.

Chocolate Chunk Banana Muffins: Prepare as directed above, using 2-1/2 cups Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch cereal for the Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal and 2 squares (2 oz.) semi-sweet baking chocolate for the white chocolate.

Cranberry Pear Crisp

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
4 large ripe pears, cored, peeled and sliced (4 cups)
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon, divided
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup flour
3 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup Post Selects Cranberry Almond Crunch cereal, lightly crushed
HEAT oven to 375°F.

TOSS pear slices, 2 tablespoons brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of the cinnamon in large bowl. Spoon into 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. MIX 1/2 cup brown sugar, flour and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cereal. Sprinkle over

pear slices.

BAKE 30 minutes or until pears are tender. Serve warm. Makes 8 servings.

Cranberry Apple Crisp: Substitute 4 large apples, cored, peeled and sliced (4 cups) for the pears.

Citrus Cranberry Scones

Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 12 minutes
2-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, chilled
2 cups Post Selects Cranberry Almond Crunch cereal, lightly crushed, divided
1 egg
1 container (8 oz.) vanilla lowfat yogurt
3 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
HEAT oven to 425°F.

MIX flour, sugar, baking powder and lemon peel in large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 1-1/2 cups of the cereal.

Beat egg in small bowl; stir in yogurt and lemon juice. Add yogurt mixture to flour mixture; stir until soft dough forms. With floured hands shape into 9-inch round. Place on greased baking sheet. Score into 12 wedges.

MIX remaining cereal, brown sugar and melted butter in small bowl. Sprinkle mixture over dough. BAKE 10 to 12 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 12 servings.

Orange Substitute: Substitute grated orange peel for the grated lemon peel; substitute orange juice for the lemon juice.

Banana Pancakes

Prep: 5 minutes plus standing
Cook: 10 minutes
1 egg
1 cup milk
2 Tbsp. oil

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Tax cut change could save state millions

By MIKE SMITH

(AP)—An Indiana House committee endorsed legislation last week that could save the state \$100 million over the next two years by prohibiting taxpayers from claiming multiple personal property tax credits under a 1999 law.

House Ways and Means Chairman B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, said the bill simply clarifies what he intended in 1999 when he inserted a tax-cut provision into the budget bill in the waning hours of that session.

Lawmakers learned months later that the tax cut would cost the state about \$200 million more than originally projected for the current, two-year budget cycle and shave the budget surplus close to or below \$1.1 billion.

That is the amount Gov. Frank O'Bannon had maintained was necessary to cushion the state from an economic downturn. Lawmakers fear that economic downturn is occurring now, and it and the so-called \$200 million mistake has left the state strapped for cash.

"I think the Tax Board interpreted it too broadly," Bauer said of the 1999 tax cut.

That tax-cut provision exempts the first \$12,500 in assessed value of personal property from the property tax. Personal property can include a company's inventory, machinery or equipment or such things as an individual's mobile home, recreational vehicle or camper.

The state has never applied such a tax credit to personal property, so officials did not have background data to precisely estimate its costs.

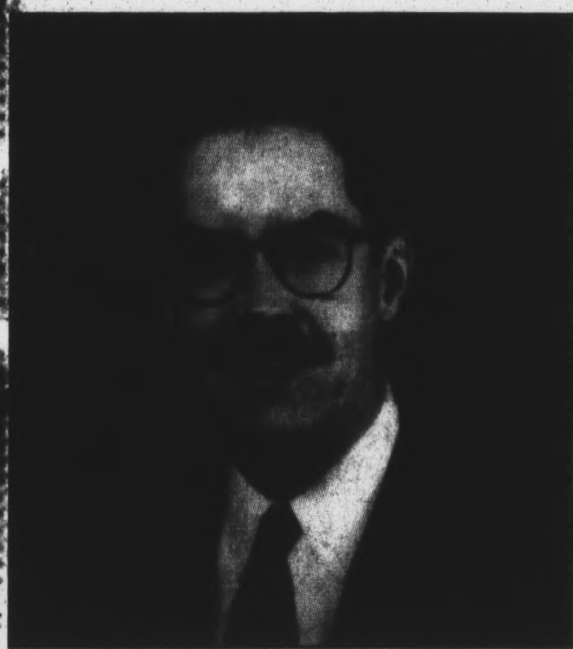
Officials later determined that more personal property was eligible for the exemption than originally thought, and businesses with several sites could file for multiple credits under the law.

Tim Brooks, chairman of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, also acknowledged that his agency informed county officials the law allowed for multiple filings and should be interpreted that way.

Often a firm has property spread over several parcels of land as defined for tax purposes. So a business could have personal property on one parcel and more on another parcel and could currently claim the tax break on both.

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Indianapolis Chamber president teaches at Arlington High School



John S. Myrland, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, recently taught American history, world history and geography. He will return on March 29 for another assignment.

There is a general sense that several Central Indiana students are not adequately prepared for work and career, hindering their potential to have a suc-

cessful life and threatening the future economic development of the Central Indiana region.

The chamber views the quality of education throughout Central Indiana as everyone's business. In that regard, the chamber encourages collaboration, higher standards and accountability for all

schools. Myrland views teaching as a step to bridge businesses with schools. "People can spend time complaining about the problem, or join in the solution. The best way to solve a problem is to see it from every angle, and being in a teacher's shoes for the day will give me a 360 degree view of our education system. Our community must do more to assure that every child has the tools to be successful in this changing, knowledge-based society," Myrland said.

The Indianapolis chamber is working hard to build a bridge between business and education. Myrland said, "The Indianapolis Chamber has a goal to have 100 business people teaching in IPS schools one day this April. We hope to work with the mayor on this initiative, as well."

The chamber is also working to prepare students for today's marketplace in several other facets.

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IHFA wants input from public on how state allocates housing funds

Special to The Recorder

Each year, the Indiana Housing Finance Authority (IHFA) and other state agencies receive more than \$50 million in federal funds for housing and community development programs.

Over the next couple of months the authority will be holding pub-

lic forums to learn how the public thinks these funds should be allocated.

The sources of federal funds are: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelters Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

(HOPWA).

These funds are used to support activities that include infrastructure improvements, emergency shelters, youth shelters, transitional housing, rental housing, homeownership counseling, down payment assistance,

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Gov. O'Bannon expands home heating aid again to help needy Hoosiers keep homes warm

Special to The Recorder

Thousands of needy Hoosiers are getting help this winter with unusually high heating bills, and Gov. Frank O'Bannon said even more help is on the way to those dependent on bulk fuels to stay warm.

"Nearly 350,000 Hoosiers use propane and fuel oil to heat their homes," O'Bannon said. "Unlike their neighbors who receive natural gas and electricity from utilities and are protected from losing service for nonpayment through the coldest months, these citizens have no protection once their gas or oil is used up."

"We will set aside about \$3 million in heating assistance money for low-income Hoosiers who can't afford to buy the next tank of fuel oil or propane that they need to get through the winter," he added.

"With this \$3 million, we will help bulk fuel customers who may have already received help, but are now looking at another two months of cold weather as the fuel gauge inches closer and closer to empty," the governor said.

Using a combination of unprecedented federal funding and state dollars, Indiana has made about \$68 million available to

help Hoosiers cope this winter with colder than normal temperatures and higher than normal heating bills.

Natural gas costs have skyrocketed throughout the nation this winter, and no decline in heating prices is anticipated before the end of winter. Anticipating the needs of low income Hoosiers, O'Bannon appealed to former President Bill Clinton as well as Congress last year for additional funding to the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Clinton agreed to O'Bannon and other governors' requests by distributing about \$400 million in contingency funds, \$22.8 million of it to Indiana. Congress increased the state's LIHEAP funding to \$36 million. O'Bannon added nearly \$9 million in state funds to round out the current LIHEAP budget.

Prior to cold weather setting in, O'Bannon expanded the LIHEAP program by:

- Temporarily increasing the average benefit for natural gas and electric utility customers to \$275 from \$250, in addition to the traditional protection from having utility service cut off.
- Increasing the average crisis benefit for families who heat with bulk fuels, who do not have cut-off protection, to a maximum of \$300 from a maximum of \$200.
- Expanding eligibility levels for families to 150 percent of

poverty from 125 percent of poverty, which would enable families of four earning \$25,575 a year to be helped.

Last year, the state spent about \$37 million on LIHEAP and weatherization help, reaching about 97,000 low-income families. The program this year is expected to reach about 137,000 Hoosier families.

Community Action Agencies around the state take applications for LIHEAP from families with elderly members and members with disabilities, those who are currently at risk of having their heat disconnected, and other low-income families who believe they need help with their heating bills this year. Funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each family helped must meet income eligibility guidelines.

Most community action agencies accept mail-in as well as walk-in applications. Typically about one-third of the families receiving help with their heating bills have children below school age. Another third of the households have elderly members. And about a fourth of the eligible households include persons with disabilities, the governor said.

To learn more about LIHEAP in Indiana, call 1-800-622-4973 weekdays.

Black Business Profile

Information provided by business owners
Photos/Ken Skelton

Business:

Poor Man's Towing and Repair Center

Address:

5840 N. Michigan Rd.

Phone:

(317) 726-1065

Fax:

(317) 726-1171

Product/Services:

Poor Man's specializes in engine and transmission replacement on domestic and foreign cars; also does other major and minor repairs

Founded in:

1997

Founder/current owner:

Albert T. Lindsey Jr.

Number of paid employees:

10

Recent advancements/

achievements: The towing and auto repair shop recently added more tow trucks to its fleet, enabling the company to cover more Indianapolis areas in a timely manner. Poor Man's also opened another location that has a Hispanic workforce (two mechanics and one service writer).

Future goals: The business hopes to open other service centers on the Eastside and Westside of the city. Poor Man's is also planning to launch Ghetto Gear, its watch and apparel line, via the Internet (www.poormanstowing.com)

Lindsey on starting Poor Man's: "One of the biggest influences for me starting my own business, was being laid off from Union Carbide and Lilly Industrial Coatings. I decided to go into business for myself so that I could have more control over my future as well as help others by offering them a chance to be employed in a nice working environment."

"Our major obstacle in opening our shop was our lack of money and obtaining financing to get all the equipment needed to effectively operate our shop. Through faith in God and his promises, we overcame these obstacles. I raised enough money to get equipment for the shop by working very long and hard hours cutting grass, hauling trash and cleaning gutters through my other business —

Universal Services.

"The name Poor Man's came from a dream I had one night. So I thought it would be good to attract people of all incomes and because they would know we would give them a good and fair rate."

Lindsey on customers' trust:

"Poor Man's is targeting people of all incomes. We try to keep our prices low and affordable. We also try to be honest with all of our customers. Often times when females go to some of our competitors, they prey on them because of their lack of knowledge in auto repair. We work with our customers and educate them about what we can do to fix the problem."

Lindsey on Poor Man's:

"We're Christian owned and operated. We offer what we believe to be very hard working staff that works long hours to ensure that our customers' automobiles are fixed in a timely manner, as well as working out reasonable arrangements and educating them on where they can obtain resources."

"We are a vendor with the Family and Children Service and we accept payments from the Step Program, which offers people assistance to pay for their car repairs. The program gives up to \$500 on auto repairs and \$300 for tires giving customers who would otherwise not be able to afford services an opportunity to get their automobiles repaired."



Albert T. Lindsey Jr.



* CORRECTION: The fax number for Candy Bouquet was incorrectly published in last week's profile. The correct number is 317-202-9677.

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Firm's recruiters say employees who fled to dot.coms are trickling back to brick, mortar companies

Special to The Recorder

Recruiters at Management Recruiters International Inc. (MRI) are beginning to see what can only be called an inevitable swing of the pendulum. Employees who jumped to dot.com companies from traditional businesses in the hopes of riches are starting to trickle back to the bricks and mortar world.

Some are clearly disillusioned over long hours without a pot of gold at the end, but surprisingly many find that the tech and information technology (IT) world is simply not a match for their personality.

"A lot of people emphasized the tech and IT aspects of their experi-

ence to get into a dot.com, only to find that the job is not the right fit for them," said Mark Haering, director of operations for MRI/Indianapolis-Central.

"Many people's skills and natural interests don't lie in that direction, but the promise of quick riches and thus the freedom to make other choices led them to give it a shot. With the bloom somewhat off the dot.com rose in terms of company valuations and stock prices, a steady stream of dot.com veterans are now heading back to conventional companies," Haering said.

In spite of having Internet components to their own businesses now, most conventional companies do not consider dot.com experience a requirement, as a recent MRI poll of 3,500 executive hiring authorities showed.

In the MRI poll, 64 percent said they consider previous work experience at an Internet company unimportant. The result has been that some people who jumped to dot.coms are now back with neither riches nor a particularly en-

hanced resume.

"It's certainly not a negative to have taken a shot with a dot.com," said Haering. "After all, some people did get rich. But the people who are thriving in that environment are the ones who truly like the tech and IT worlds, who find it exciting and stimulating."

"The ones who didn't really like it but took a shot are the ones who are moving back into the mainstream. It's been an interesting year in that regard. We're seeing movement in both directions now, not just employees moving from conventional companies to dot.coms," he said.

Management Recruiters of Indianapolis-Central specializes in matching the critical staffing needs of its clients with the talents and career goals of its candidates. The office's expertise spans the greater Indianapolis marketplace.

Haering and his staff bring 34 years of experience to the recruiting field and place 800 candidates in a wide variety of industries each year, including IT, pharmaceuticals, banking, manufacturing and telecommunications. For more information, visit the firm's Web site at www.mriindy.com

Management Recruiters International Inc. (www.BrilliantPeople.com), says it is the world's largest search and recruitment organization with 1,000 offices worldwide. Based in Cleveland, MRI has system-wide billings of \$575 million and places 35,000 people in jobs annually. MRI is a subsidiary of Philadelphia-based CDI Corp. (www.cdicorp.com), a global top 10 provider of staffing and outsourcing. In 1999, CDI had revenues of more than \$1.6 billion and nearly 100,000 people worked on company assignments.

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homeownership, owner-occupied rehabilitation, and a variety of assistance to persons with AIDS.

To receive these funds, states are required to submit a report called the "Consolidated Plan" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The goals of the Consolidated Plan are:

- (1) To identify a state's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies.
- (2) To stipulate how funds will be allocated to state housing and community development organizations and local units of governments. In order to accurately assess these issues, administrators of the programs are seeking public input.

A series of regional forums has been planned to discuss issues on housing, homelessness, community and economic development, as well as other needs of your community. All forums will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 26, City Hall, 166 Lincoln Way, Valparaiso.
- Feb. 27, Marshall Community Center, 107 N. Walnut, Columbus City.
- March 1, St. Claire Neighborhood Clinic, 407 E. Market St. Crawfordsville.
- March 5, Washington Community Center, 501 Burkhardt Drive, Washington.
- March 6, Gift Edge Baptist Church, 1713 Green St., Jeffersonville.
- March 12, Columbus Visitors' Center, 506 Fifth St. (Fifth & Franklin), Columbus.

Public hearings will also be held in addition to the regional forums. These hearings will be for the sole purpose of discussing fund allocation and identifying community needs. Both hearings will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- April 23, City Hall, 309 N. Chestnut St., Seymour.
- April 24, Marion Public Library, 600 S. Washington St., Marion.

If you are unable to attend any of the above public forums you can submit your comments in writing on IHFA's Web site at www.indianahousing.org or mail to the Consolidated Plan, Indiana Department of Commerce Controller's Office, Grants Management Division, One North Capitol Ave., Suite 700, Indianapolis, IN, 46204-2248.

For more information about the 2001 Consolidated Plan Regional Forums, contact Kelly Boe at IDOC, (800) 824-2476 or (317) 232-8800. To access the plan or for more information about IHFA and its programs, check its Web site at www.indianahousing.org or call toll free in Indiana, (800) 872-0371.

IHFA provides resources and technical assistance in a fiscally responsible manner to stimulate affordable housing opportunities in Indiana. As an agent of Indiana's economic development policy, IHFA works with its partners to build stable communities for the residents of Indiana.

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The chamber's new initiative, Indiana INTERNnet, will increase the number of highly qualified internships and cooperative education programs available in Indiana.

A Business-Education Partnership Summit is scheduled for Feb. 26 for businesses and schools to discover potential partnerships to help students succeed. The summit will feature guest speakers, Milton Goldberg, executive vice president of the National Alliance of Business, and Mayor Bart Peterson.

Business leaders, the school superintendent, curriculum directors, building principals and teachers will be attending to discover potential partnerships to help students succeed.

TAX CUT

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Under the change endorsed last week, a taxpayer could claim only one credit on personal property per county. Bauer said he intended it to be that way from the beginning.

"It's just that you don't get multiple filings," Bauer said. "But you still have a personal property tax cut for the first time in history."

The committee also endorsed a provision designed to soften the impact of the next general reassessment, which is widely expected to result in higher property tax bills for homeowners in 2003.

Under the legislation, the state would tap \$50 million in gambling revenue in 2003 and another \$50 million the next year to help shift some county welfare costs from local property tax rolls to the state.

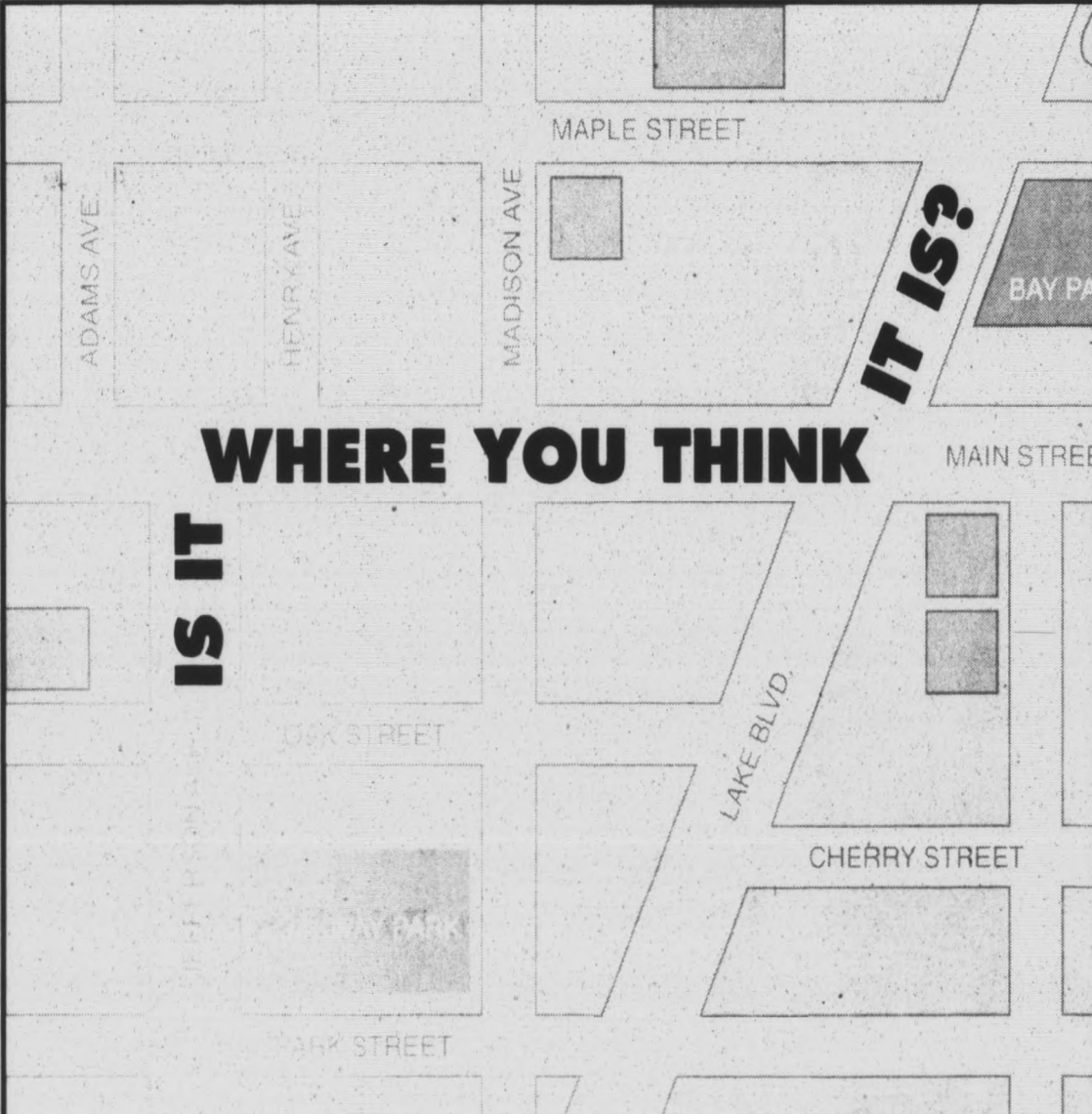
To get the welfare savings, local governments would have to match the state's share of funding dollar for dollar. Bauer said they could use such things as local option income taxes, and counties with riverboat casinos could tap some of the revenue they receive from them to make the match.

The legislation is now eligible for consideration in the full House. A spokesman for O'Bannon said the administration wanted to review the legislation further before commenting on it.

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Magic Johnson Theatres on brink of bankruptcy

By RODNEY PARNTER

(NNPA) — Four of the nation's top 10 theater exhibitors have filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11, while three others — including a major partner to Magic Johnson Theatres, a business that has provided a significant number of jobs for Blacks — is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy.

This joint venture with the legendary basketball star with Loews, a 50 percent owner of Johnson's venture, has brought new state-of-the-art multiplex theaters to inner city communities around the country. It has also breathed new economic life into those same communities.

The current troubles experienced by Loews, however, could cause this friendship train to derail. Loews and the other troubled exhibitors sit atop an industry in turmoil.

Their current problems stem from the industry's frenzied building of new megaplexes over the last five years. Megaplexes provide more than 14 screens, digital sound, stadium seating and other state-of-the-art design features. On an individual company basis, they

provided instant stimulation to stagnant box office attendance.

Their success, however, usually came at the expense of older sites located in the same markets. When a competing theater chain raided an exhibitor's territory with one of these new theaters, audiences simply migrated to the new venues. After they did, the existing sites experienced precipitous drops in revenue. When the smoke cleared, many exhibitors found themselves stuck with a significant number of under-performing older sites that were locked into expensive long-term leases.

Add the increased costs of operating new megaplexes and its no surprise the industry started hemorrhaging red ink.

Loews' continued losses put it in violation of its loan covenants. Loan covenants are contractual provisions with lenders that, among other things, require a company to maintain certain financial performance standards. These performance standards are widely used measures of a company's financial health. They include ratios that express total debt as a multiple of earnings, total earnings as a multiple of interest expense, and total

debt as a multiple of net worth.

These ratios are extremely sensitive to earnings performance. In the event a borrowing company violates its covenants or is unable to make scheduled interest or principal payments, it will default on its loan giving the lender a contractual right to demand immediate repayment.

Faced with this imminent danger, Loews announced the closing of 675 screens over the last two weeks. They will also likely suspend capital spending, liquidate assets and take other emergency measures to generate cash to repay their debts.

This will almost certainly curtail the planned construction of new sites for Magic Johnson Theatres. Loews may even be forced to sell its stake in the joint venture.

This would be a serious blow to the economic revitalization of many Black communities around the country.

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Do your homework before taking out a home equity loan

Special to The Recorder

With bills piling up, some Hoosiers may consider taking out a second mortgage on their home as a means of accessing needed cash, the Indiana Housing Finance Authority warns.

And while home equity loans can make sense in certain circumstances, homeowners should be aware that there are companies that take advantage of people with low-incomes or damaged credit — and that may actually make the situation worse.

Everyone is a potential victim of predatory lending. However, evidence suggests that these practices are more common among minorities and the elderly. Borrowers typically seek home equity loans at a time of financial

need, when they are in their weakest bargaining position, according to the Indiana Housing Finance Authority.

By charging excessively high fees, commissions and interest rates, or other unethical or illegal practices, borrowers can actually end up owing far more than is necessary. Other predatory lending practices include lending without regard to a borrower's ability to repay the loan, misrepresentation of the mortgage's terms and conditions and balloon payments. Since the loan is secured with the borrower's house, it places the house at risk.

The best protection against predatory lending is education. Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Central Indiana is one of many organizations that offers homebuyer education workshops that include discussions about predatory lending. These workshops are held six times a

year and they also offer free consumer counseling and educational programs for schools, churches, and community groups.

According to Melinda Wright, education and housing director for CCCS of Central Indiana, consumers have several options if they believe their rights have been violated. For one, consumers can contact the Indiana attorney general to file a complaint. Also, if a consumer didn't receive a truth in lending statement, which outlines the interest rate and all the costs associated with the loan, he or she should contact the Department of Financial Institutions or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Before you start looking for an equity loan (including those for reverse mortgages, bill consolidation and home improvement) here are some things you should do:

- Get free, independent loan counseling from your city's community or social group, credit counseling service or recognized consumer advocacy agency.
- Avoid door-to-door and direct mail pitches for home-equity loans. Instead, get referrals from family members, friends, co-workers and others you trust.
- Avoid come-ons that begin "No credit? No job? No problem! Don't worry. You have plenty of equity in your home to qualify for a loan."
- Avoid interest-only, non-amortizing or partially amortizing loans. After you make years of payments you will still owe the money you borrowed, often as one large "balloon" payment at the end of the contract's term.
- Never allow yourself to be pressured into signing a contract unless you've read and understand every word. If the offer is good today, it should be good tomorrow.
- Don't sign anything with blank spaces.

For more information about predatory lending, you may contact CCS of Central Indiana at (317) 266-1300 or toll free at 1-888-711-7227.

Tech students shadow workers at Hyatt Regency Hotel

Special to The Recorder

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis joined more than 120 other Hyatt hotels, as well as corporations and communities nationwide, in participating in the third annual National Groundhog Job Shadow Day earlier this month.

This program, sponsored by Junior Achievement, the American Society of Association Executives, School to Work and America's Promise, allows students to get an up-close look at how the skills they learn in school are put into action in the workplace.

Students from Arsenal Technical High School had the opportunity to shadow employees in key positions such as general manager, front desk clerk, chef, and concierge as they went through their typical workday.

Students experienced part of Hyatt's new employee orientation and even received their own Hyatt Picture I.D. After lunch in the employee cafeteria, students ended their "work day" with a creative presentation of their experiences at Hyatt Regency Indianapolis and follow-up discussion with various Hyatt employees.

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis chose to become involved in this program because it helps show today's youth the value of hard work. "This is a great chance for students to experience all that goes on in a hotel behind the scenes and get a taste of the opportunities in the hospitality industry," said David Jacobs, general manager, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

For more information about Hyatt hotels and resorts, consult Hyatt through the Internet at <http://www.hyatt.com>.

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Broadway Financial (BYFC)	NQ	9.44	4.62	0.5	8.69		--- I ---													
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CFC Bank (CFC)	K	0.22	0.11	1456	0.11		ICDC Investment Co. (ICDC)	K	0.70	0.52	196	0.64		Pan Jam (PAN)	JA	0.20	0.06		0.17	
CMC Holdings (CMCH)	K	0.41	0.16	13208	0.18		Independence Federal Sav (IFS)	NQ	17.5	4	0.5	11.81		Pearl Dry Cleaners (PRDL)	K	0.04	0.03	2048	0.03	
Capital Alliance Holding (CPT)	J	2.56	1.09	187949	1.36		Island Life Insurance Lt (ISL)	JA	0.32	0.29		0.28		Pegasus Ltd (PEG)	JA	0.05	0.02		0.02	
Car & General (CGRN)	K	0.25	0.14	15398	0.13		--- J ---													
Carasco Pharmaceuticals (CARA)	NQ	1.15	0.2	2.5	0.4		Jamaica Brokers Ltd. (JBR)	JA	0.05	0.02		0.03		Peppro (PEG)	J	4.18	0.38	237688	0.38	
Caribbean Cement Co., Ltd (CCC)	JA	0.12	0.05	279577	0.05		Jamaica Producers Group (JPG)	JA	0.26	0.10		0.10		Pioneer Aluminum Factory (PAF)	G	0.07	0.04		0.04	
Carson Holdings (CIC)	NQ	5.25	2.88	0.4	5.12		Jubilee Insurance (JIS)	K	0.37	0.23	5750	0.23		--- R ---						
Carson Holdings (CRS)	J	0.36	0.22	15710	0.35		--- K ---													
Carver Bank Corp. (CNY)	NQ	13.5	7	2	10.2		Kagiso Media (KGM)	J	0.41	0.30	3750	0.33		Radio Jamaica (RJR)	JA	0.09	0.03		0.04	
Chapman Capital Manage. (CMGT)	NQ	20	5	15.5	16.5		Kapchorus Tea (KPTC)	K	2.04	2.04	280	1.91		Radio One (ROIA)	NQ	88.5	5.56	70.1	14.81	
Chapman Holdings (CMAN)	NQ	18	6.12	4.1	15.5		Kenya Airways (KNAI)	K	0.12	0.08	22454	0.12		Real Africa Dursink (RAD)	J	0.30	0.12	4250	0.13	
City Trust (CTRL)	K	0.29	0.18	8907	0.24		Kenya Commercial Bank (KNCB)	K	0.44	0.25	35233	0.28		Real Africa Holdings (RAH)	J	1.41	0.51	36800	0.61	
--- D ---																				
DME Interactive (DGMF)	NQ	12	0.1	36.6	0.11		Kenya Natural Mills (KNML)	K	0.24	0.08	38251	0.09		Real Africa Investments (RAI)	J	1.47	0.57	1821600	0.66	
Dehring Bunting (DBG)	JA	0.07	0.04		0.05		Kenya Oil Co (KNOC)	K	1.10	0.86	7968	1.1		Republic Bank (REP)	T	5.34	4.33	13884	5.17	
Diamond Trust Bank (DTKL)	K	0.38	0.17	7816	0.17		Kenya Power & Lighting (KPLL)	K	1.28	0.37	225	0.6		--- S ---						
Dyall Group (DYL)	JA	0.19	0.07		0.10		Kingston Wharves (KWL)	JA	0.04	0.03		0.03		Sasini Tea & Coffee (STCL)	K	0.50	0.39	150	0.47	
--- E ---																				
EA Portland Cement (EAPC)	K	0.17	0.14	200000	0.15		--- L ---													
Elavir Technologies (ELX)	J	0.03	0.01	161600	0.01		Life of Jamaica (LOJ)	JA	0.02	0.02		0.02		Social Security Bank (SSB)	G	0.31	0.54	7800	0.3	
Enterprise Insurance (EIC)	G	0.41	0.51	1000	0.41		--- M ---													
Express Kenya (EXPL)	K	0.26	0.17	1000	0.17		Marshall's (MEAL)	K	0.32	0.23	500	0.23		Souffood Concepts (SLFD)	NQ	0.38	0.05	0.1	0.05	
--- F ---																				
Flavorite Foods (FF)	T	0.6	0.54	5500	0.54		Mathomo Group (MTO)	J	0.04	0.01	26933	0.03		Standard Newspaper (STNG)	K	0.05	0.05		0.05	
--- G ---																				
Ghana Comm Bank (GCB)	G	9.24	9.2	19300	0.22		Mechanical Lloyd (MLC)	G	0.04	0.02		0.02		Sugar Paper Products (SPPC)	G	0.04	0.04		0.04	
Gleaner Co. Ltd. (GLN)	JA	0.09	0.03	186500	0.04		Metaloplastice Co (MGL)	G	0.03	0.05		0.03		--- T ---						
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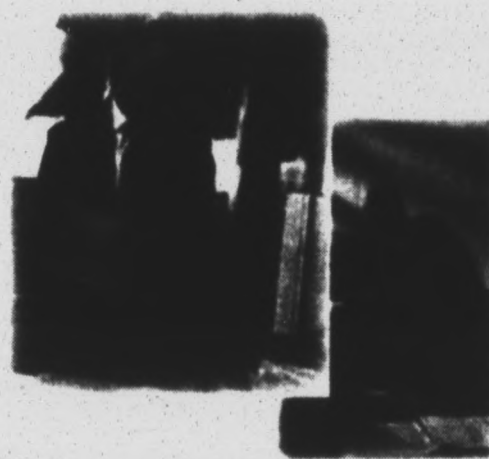
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ADOPTION

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Mary Jane Norman, Atty.
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
ROOM NO.

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

CAUSE NO. 49D08-0101-AD-124

The unnamed putative father of the child born to **Valerie Heath**, on January 30, 1996, or who claims to be the father of the child born to **Valerie Heath**, on January 30, 1996, is notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, City-County Building, Room 1700, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If the unnamed putative father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If the unnamed putative father (1) does not file (A) a motion to contest the adoption, or (B) a paternity action under IC 31-14 with thirty (30) days after service of this notice, or (2) after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under IC 31-14-21-9 through IC 31-14-21-11; then the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption and the child will be irrevocably adopted and he will lose his right to contest the adoption, will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

Nothing Valerie Heath or anyone else says to the unnamed putative father, relieves the unnamed putative father of his obligations under this notice.

Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division

ADOPTION

P23
David G. Walton, Jr., Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: The Adoption Of Kyle Dale Carter, Minor Child

CAUSE NO. 49D08-0101-AD-106
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Dissemination**.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **NONE** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Unknown Biological Father of Kyle Dale Carter**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 9th day of April, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

2/23/01 3TP

Thomas C. Moore, II, Atty.

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
ROOM NO.

In Re: The Adoption Of Jack Ella Edward Collins, A Minor Child

NOTICE OF SUIT

CAUSE NO. 49D08-0101-AD-114
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to any person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Adoption of Jack Ella Edward Collins**.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **UNKNOWN** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Norman D. Jaffe, Biological Father**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 23rd day of March, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

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Mary Jane Norman, Atty.

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

IN THE MARION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

ROOM NO.

SUMMONS

CAUSE NO. 49D08-0102-AD-131

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the child born to **Sarah Brown**, on November 2, 1991, is hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, City-County Building, Room 1700, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The Petition for Adoption alleges that the above-named court and the minor child for six (6) months or more immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition and has failed, without justifiable cause, to communicate significantly with said child, when able to do so or knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.

If **Sarah Brown** seeks to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with 31-19-10-1 in the above named court, or a paternity action under IC 31-14 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If **Sarah Brown** does not file (A) a motion to contest the adoption, or (B) a paternity action under IC 31-14 with thirty (30) days after service of this notice, or (2) after filing a paternity action under IC 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under IC 31-14-21-9 through IC 31-14-21-11; then the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption and the child will be irrevocably adopted and he will lose his right to contest the adoption, will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

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BOARD OF SCHOOLS

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Committee of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2001, in Room 117 on the following:

Digital Equipment, Facsimile Equipment, Request for Proposal for Liquid Hand Dispersers and Soap

Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Committee of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2001, in Room 117 on the following:

Solicitation for Proposal for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services, Substitute Nursing Services

All in accordance with detailed specifications on file in the Office of the Board, 120 East Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

RODNEY M. BLACK,
Business Manager

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the **auditorium lighting system upgrade at IPS Shortridge Middle School**, will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2001, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

Terms and conditions of bidding and contracting are included in the Bid Specifications which may be obtained from the office of the Owner, and are available for examination at the following location:

(317) 226-4170

Facilities Management Division

129 East 16th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

The Board reserves the right to accept, or reject, any bid or to waive any informality, or errors, in bidding for a period of ninety (90) days after the bid opening.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

RODNEY M. BLACK,
Business Manager

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the **Callings & Lighting Improvements at IPS Arsenal Technical High School - Stuart Hall**, will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 120 East Walnut Street, in the Purchasing Department, Room 117, until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2001, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after that hour will be returned unopened.

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DISS. OF MARRIAGE

P23

Jatin Shah, Atty.

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

IN THE MARION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: The Marriage of Jackie Denise Knox, Plaintiff,

Tony Douglas Knox,
Defendant.

CAUSE NO. 49D05-0001-DR-141

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **Tony Douglas Knox, 5340 E. 21st St. #2, Indianapolis, IN 46202** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **_____**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of April, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

2/23/01 3TP

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SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

IN THE MARION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: The Marriage of Jackie Denise Knox, Plaintiff,

Tony Douglas Knox,
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If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of April, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

2/23/01 3TP

DISS. OF MARRIAGE

AA23

David G. Walton, Jr., Atty.

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

IN THE MARION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: The Marriage of Carlette C. Bean, Plaintiff,

Charles A. Bean,
Defendant.

CAUSE NO. 49D04-0102-DR-166

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **NONE** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Charles A. Bean**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of April, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

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Jose D. Salinas, Atty.

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

IN THE MARION COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: The Marriage of Jennifer L. Forbes, Plaintiff,

Brian E. Fluncan,
Defendant.

CAUSE NO. 49D01-0102-DR-188

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **Brian E. Fluncan, whose last known whereabouts was Pittsburgh, PA**.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of April, 2001, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMIN.

G23
Tim Stoesz, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Robert W. Laub, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-ES-265
Notice is hereby given that **Michael Smith** was on the 5th day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Robert W. Laub**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 5th day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/23/01 2TP

H23
Chris B. Carish, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Jacobus Fredrik van der Vliet, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-271
Notice is hereby given that **Chris B. Carish** and **Amy E. van der Vliet** were on the 5th day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Jacobus Fredrik van der Vliet**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 5th day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/23/01 2TP

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **UNSUPERVISED** Estate of
Kenneth L. Gillenwater, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-279
Notice is hereby given that **Beckie G. Kinkadee** was on the 5th day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Kenneth L. Gillenwater**, deceased, who died **January 8, 2001**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 5th day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/23/01 2TP

J23
Jay Wehmeier, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Donna May Potts, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-293
Notice is hereby given that **Dallas Potts** and **Ricky Potts** were on the 8th day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Donna May Potts**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 8th day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/23/01 2TP

M23
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Katherine Bain, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-324
Notice is hereby given that **Karen Hanback** was on the 8th day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Katherine Bain**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 9th day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/23/01 2TP

U16
Fred D. Scott, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
James C. Gammons, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-212
Notice is hereby given that **Julian Curtis Gammons** was on the 29th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **James C. Gammons**, deceased, who died **September 5, 2000**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

NOTICE OF ADMIN.

J16
James E. Sandifer, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **UNSUPERVISED** Estate of
Lydia Draga, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-229
Notice is hereby given that **Robert J. Draga** was on the 31st day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Lydia Draga**, deceased, who died **December 2, 2000**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 31st day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

K16
James P. Triolani, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Janet Lee Wadsworth, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-ES-244
Notice is hereby given that **Mark Alan Richards** was on the 1st day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Janet Lee Wadsworth**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 1st day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

L16
Marc Matheny, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **UNSUPERVISED** Estate of
Donna M. Senour, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-233
Notice is hereby given that **Stephen D. Senour** and **R. Dennis Senour** were on the 1st day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Donna M. Senour**, deceased, who died **January 5, 2001**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 1st day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

M16
Jowdai "Joe" Hallat, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **SUPERVISED** Estate of
George L. Laughman, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-ES-234
Notice is hereby given that **Jowdai "Joe" Hallat** was on the 1st day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **George L. Laughman**, deceased, who died **January 19, 2001**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 1st day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

X16
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Battle Louise Dowdell, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-ES-235
Notice is hereby given that **Charles Hopper** was on the 1st day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Battle Louise Dowdell**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 1st day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

David A. Retherford, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Edwin Clark Olin, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-212
Notice is hereby given that **Phillip E. Olin** was on the 2nd day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Edwin Clark Olin**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 2nd day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

NOTICE OF ADMIN.

F16
Sandra L. Rothbaum, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Doris G. Stadler, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-194
Notice is hereby given that **Sally Jo Stadler** was on the 28th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Doris G. Stadler**, deceased, who died **December 19, 2000**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 28th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

G16
Reginald B. Bishop, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Gwendolyn P. Alexander, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-202
Notice is hereby given that **Stacy L. Alexander** was on the 29th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Gwendolyn P. Alexander**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

H16
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Patricia A. Shaughnessy, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-ES-218
Notice is hereby given that **Herbert G. White** and **Harriet E. White** were on the 30th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Patricia A. Shaughnessy**, deceased, who died **January 25, 2001**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 30th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

I16
Brian S. Gordon, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **UNSUPERVISED** Estate of
Eileen L. Nemeth, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-222
Notice is hereby given that **Shirley W. Nemeth** was on the 30th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Co-Personal Representative(s)** of the Estate of **Eileen L. Nemeth**, deceased, who died **December 14, 2000**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 30th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

Patricia Jones, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Paul A. Betz, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-EU-224
Notice is hereby given that **Jacqueline K. Evans** was on the 30th day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Paul A. Betz**, deceased, who died **January 20, 2001**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 30th day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

Q16
Vaughn A. Wamsley, Atty.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of
Josie Bell Rogers, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0101-ES-164
Notice is hereby given that **Bonnie A. Pinkney** was on the 23rd day of **January, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Josie Bell Rogers**, deceased.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 31st day of **January, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

NOTICE OF ADMIN.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
In the matter of the **UNSUPERVISED** Estate of
Margaret Elizabeth Bailley, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0102-EU-261
Notice is hereby given that **Beverly L. Smoot** was on the 2nd day of **February, 2001**, appointed **Personal Representative** of the Estate of **Margaret Elizabeth Bailley**, deceased, who died **October 28, 2000**.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 2nd day of **February, 2001**.
Sarah M. Taylor,
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
2/16/01 2TP

NOTICE ON FINAL ACCT

A23
Jerry M. Burton, Atty.
Notice on Final Account, Etc., to All Persons Interested in the Estate
OF **Dallian L. Gonzalez**, deceased.
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division.
In the matter of the Estate of **Dallian L. Gonzalez**, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0002-ES-353
Notice is hereby given that **Thomas D. Everman** as **Personal Representative** of the above named estate, filed final accounting, together with a petition to make distribution of remaining assets to the parties believed entitled thereto. The same will be acted upon by the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division of Marion County, Indiana, on the 13th day of **March, 2001**, at 9:30 a.m. unless persons interested in said estate appear on or before said date and show cause, if any there be, why such accounting should not be approved or unless such person makes proof of heirship and claim any part of such estate not shown by such report.

Objections by: February 26, 2001.
Sarah M. Taylor, Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division.
2/23/01 1TP

B23
F. Robert Lively, Atty.
Notice on Final Account, Etc., to All Persons Interested in the Estate
OF **Ruth L. Bell**, deceased.
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division.
In the matter of the Estate of **Ruth L. Bell**, deceased.

Estate Docket
49D08-0008-ES-1878
Notice is hereby given that **Halene L. Blackledge** as **Personal Representative** of the above named estate, filed final accounting, together with a petition to make distribution of remaining assets to the parties believed entitled thereto. The same will be acted upon by the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division of Marion County, Indiana, on the 20th day of **March, 2001**, unless persons interested in said estate appear on or before said date and show cause, if any there be, why such accounting should not be approved or unless such person makes proof of heirship and claim any part of such estate not shown by such report.

Objections by: March 5, 2001.
Sarah M. Taylor, Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

C1-23
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
Sealed Bids for the following project(s) on behalf of the Department of Capital Asset Management, will be received by the Purchasing Division for the City of Indianapolis/Marion County in Room 1522 City County Building up to 9:30 a.m. (local time) on or before **March 8, 2001**. Between 9:31 - 10:00 a.m., sealed bids will only be accepted in Room 260, with all bids being opened publicly immediately thereafter. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.** ITB-2611 - (RS-01-008) Resurfacing with related items in Franklin Township. Plan Charge \$50.00 Construction Estimate \$300,000 - \$500,000. ITB-2606 - (RS-01-009) Resurfacing with related items in Perry Township. Plan Charge \$50.00 Construction Estimate \$500,000 - \$1 Million.

For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend, please call 327-4347 or 327-5186 for the hearing impaired at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Bidders must obtain required bidding documents, plans/specifications from the Purchasing Division, Suite 1522, City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3313. The plan charge is non-refundable. Make check payable to the City of Indianapolis. Check, money order, or cash accepted.

All bids must be per contract documents and accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond. A 100% Performance Bond/Payment Bond will also be required of the successful bidder. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. To receive a Current Planholders List, requests are taken by fax at (317) 327-4493. Please include the above ITM or ITB number with a brief description of the job and your fax number, so that we may fax your request back. Deborah L. Green, Administrator Purchasing Division (317) 327-4900
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Charitable Campaign Advertisement
NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS
In an effort to provide employees with an opportunity to contribute to charitable organizations while at the workplace, Indianapolis Public Schools conducts an annual Combined Charitable Campaign. The Combined Charitable Campaign is conducted under rules and regulations established by Indianapolis Public Schools. This advertisement is to give notice to those charitable institutions wishing to participate in the IPS Combined Charitable Campaign that copies of the regulations and eligibility requirements are available from Suzanne Mitchell, IPS Office of School/Community Relations, 120 E. Walnut St., Room 114, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 226-4649. The deadline to submit required information is 4 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with and in compliance with all of the provisions of Section 56, Chapter 213, Act of 1925. The following vehicles will be sold at auction on March 16, 2001 at 9:00 A.M., at Meacham Wrecker Service, Inc. at 2802 West McCarty Street, Indpls, IN. Charges for towing & storage is a minimum \$ 1500.00 per each vehicle.

Number	Year	Make	Serial Number
10118	1988	CHEV	1G1JC5114J7136116
10184	1990	CHEV	2G1WN54T2L1105461
10214	1988	CHEV	1G1JF11W3JJ193048
10244	1985	CHEV	1G1JE27P7F7215520
10250	1986	CHEV	1G1BL69Z5GY111717
10261	1984	CHEV	1G1AD69P1EJ154089
10264	1985	CHEV	2G1AW19X8F1190466
10270	1986	CHEV	1G1BL69ZGX9152614
10287	1987	CHEV	1G1JF11W0HJ187699
10291	1985	CHEV	1G1AW19X8F6219134
10297	1990	CHEV	1G1JC1467LJ159744
10300	1990	CHEV	1G1LT54G8LY170159
10304	1989	CHEV	1G1AW51W9K6103607
10320	1984	CHEV	1GCB514Y9E2199926
10321	1984	CHEV	1G1AD69P3EJ159679
10325	1987	CHEV	1G1JE1113JJ1006105
10329	1985	CHEV	2G1AW35X5F1170466
10334	1987	CHEV	1G1AW81W7H6128886
10341	1983	CHEV	1G8CT18B3D8127276
10344	1985	CHEV	1G1JD69P5FJ214232
10349	1988	CHEV	1Y1SK6141J2074074
10351	1979	CHEV	1N69G9J108886
10401	1988	CHEV	1G1MR2159JK747632
10430	1987	CHEV	1G1AW51R7H6206494
10455	1984	GMC	1GTB514B1E2522295
10462	1986	CHEV	181RF6927G8461281
10485	1988	CHEV	181RF2176J7549798
10499	1983	CHEV	1G8CT18B0D8139529
10507	1989	CHEV	1G1LW14W5K7284898
10508	1980	CHEV	1W8OKAR418731
10511	1980	CHEV	CC214A5182716
10526	1985	CHEV	1G1JD69P2FJ125301

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Scott C. Campbell, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Karen Krach,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Indianapolis Water Co., State of Indiana Dept. of Revenue, Health and Hospital of Marion County, Meridian Vernon Ins., City of Indianapolis, United Companies Lending, LaSalle Nat'l Bank, BNC Mortgage Inc., Nations Credit Home Equity, Bankers Trust Co., EMC Mortgage Corp., Charter One Credit Corp., Charter One Mortgage Corp., Jennifer Johnson, 1st National Bank, Internal Revenue Service, Merchants National Bank & Trust Co., and Other Unknown Interested Individuals.

CAUSE NO. 49C01-0102-CP-411
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **An action to quiet title in the real property commonly known as 4622 East 30th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the County of Marion and to obtain a Court Order that the tax deed obtained by the Plaintiff was a proper and valid conveyance of the property to Plaintiff and that Plaintiff is the fee simple owner of the property and holds her title free from any rights in favor of the heirs for legal representatives of the grantor and against all other persons who may claim title to the property.**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose

LEGAL SERVICES EMPLOYMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

C2-16
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
 Sealed Bids for the following projects for the Department of Metropolitan Development will be received by the Purchasing Division for the City of Indianapolis/Marion County in Room 1522 City County Building up to 9:30 a.m. (local time) on or before **March 01, 2001**. Between 9:31 - 10:00 a.m., sealed bids will only be accepted in Room 260, with all bids being opened publicly immediately thereafter. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.** A 5% Bid Bond will be required at time of submission of your bid. A 100% Performance/Payment Bond will also be required of successful bidder.
ITB-2597 Demolition of Various Structures, to include houses, out buildings and garages.
 For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend, please call 327-4347 or 327-5186 for the hearing impaired at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
 Bidders must obtain required bidding documents, plans/specifications from the Purchasing Division, Suite 1522, City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3313.
 To receive a Current Planholders List, requests are taken by fax at (317) 327-4493. Please include the above ITB or ITB number, with a brief description of the job and your fax number, so that we may fax your request back.
NOTE: City Solicitation information is now available on the Purchasing Division's internet site at: <http://indygov.org/purch/>
 Deborah L. Green, Administrator
 Purchasing Division
 (317) 327-4900

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C1-16
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
 Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Division for the City of Indianapolis/Marion County will receive bids for **All City-County Agencies** in Room 1522 City County Building up to 9:30 a.m. (local time) on or before **March 01, 2001**. Between 9:31 - 10:00 a.m., sealed bids will only be accepted in Room 260, with all bids being opened publicly immediately thereafter. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 A.M. FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.**
ITB 2599 Two Year Term Contract for Plumbing Services for all City-County Agencies.
 For special accommodations needed by handicapped individuals planning to attend, please call 327-4347 or 327-5186 for the hearing impaired at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
 Bidders must obtain required bidding documents, plans/specifications from the Purchasing Division, Suite 1522 City County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3313. All bids must be per contract documents. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
NOTE: City Solicitation information is now available on the Purchasing Division's internet site at: <http://indygov.org/purch/>
 Deborah L. Green, Administrator
 Purchasing Division
 (317) 327-4900

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STATE OF INDIANA

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Broad Agency Announcement
1-59
Indiana Department of Administration and Indiana Department of Commerce for Marketing and Communication Services
 The Indiana Department of Administration is soliciting expressions of interest from all officers who wish to be considered for **Indiana Department of Commerce to Provide Marketing and Communication Services**.
 Broad Agency Announcement 1-59 has been issued to describe this opportunity and the procedure for submitting proposals. Proposals must be received in the Department of Administration by **March 16, 2001 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time**. Further information concerning this announcement or proposal procedure may be obtained from the Department of Administration by calling (317) 232-3034.
Laura Barnhill,
Procurement Analyst
Procurement Division
 Indiana Department of Administration
 Room W468
 402 W. Washington Street
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
NOTE: State solicitation information is now available on the Procurement Division's **Electronic Solicitation Postings (ESP)** on the internet under the Indiana Department of Administration's (IDOA) homepage address: <http://www.state.in.us/idoa/proc/>

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STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS FOR **ARTICULATING AERIAL DEVICE**
 INSTITUTION/AGENCY
PENDELTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
 IN THE CITY OF PENDELTON
 REQUISITION B2-1-0191
 PURCHASING AGENT **Becky Clark** Phone (317) 232-3197 will be received in the Procurement Division Bid Room Department of Administration, Room W468, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, until **3:00 P.M. Legal Time** on the 13th day of **March, 2001**, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. The State reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Copies of the detailed instructions to bidders and plans and/or specifications may be received from a Procurement Division, Department of Administration, Room W468, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
Angie McEaddy,
Procurement Director
 Department of Administration
NOTE: State solicitation information is now available on the Procurement Division's **Electronic Solicitation Postings (ESP)** on the internet under the Indiana Department of Administration's (IDOA) homepage address: <http://www.state.in.us/idoa/proc/>

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STATE OF INDIANA

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BY THE STATE OF INDIANA,
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ABOVE
SEALED BIDS FOR:
Public Works Project No. B06-701
Air Conditioning, Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility will be received from Contractors, holding a current Certificate of Qualification, at the Bid Desk, Department of Administration, Public Works Division, 402 W. Washington St. Room 467, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 until **2:01 P.M. (Indianapolis Time) April 3, 2001** after which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the appropriate bid room. Minority Contractors are encouraged to submit bids on this project as a prime contractor. Copies of the detailed instructions to Bidders and Drawings and/or specifications dated **February, 2001**, may be obtained from the Office of **Circle Design Group, 127 E. Michigan St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone: (317) 635-9838** for a deposit of **\$100.00** per set which is **100%** refundable if returned in reusable condition within 10 days after the bid date.
Bids shall be taken from Prime Contractors in the following classification/s: 1542-01-General Contractors/Institutional, 1711-02 or 1711-03.
 The Specified construction period is **150 calendar days**. The State of Indiana reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 A minority participation goal of **10%** has been set for this project.
Robert Grassman,
Assistant State Engineer,
(317) 232-3016,
Project Manager,
Sheila K. Snider, F.A.I.A.,
Director, Public Works
Pre-Bid Information: Pre-bid meeting on site at 9:30 AM on March 8, 2001.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BY THE STATE OF INDIANA,
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ABOVE
SEALED BIDS FOR:
Public Works Project No. B19-007(rebid)
Solarium Walkway Enclosure, Indiana School for the Blind, 7725 N. College Av., Indianapolis, IN 46240 will be received from Contractors, holding a current Certificate of Qualification, at the Bid Desk, Department of Administration, Public Works Division, 402 W. Washington St. Room 467, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 until **1:31 P.M. (Indianapolis Time) March 13, 2001** after which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the appropriate bid room. Minority Contractors are encouraged to submit bids on this project as a prime contractor. Copies of the detailed instructions to Bidders and Drawings and/or specifications dated **December 18, 2000** Re-issue **February 15, 2001** may be obtained from the Office of **IDOA, Public Works Division, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W467, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone: (317) 232-8012 - Fax: (317) 232-4613** for a deposit of **\$0.00** per set which is **80%** refundable if returned in reusable condition within 10 days after the bid date.
Bids shall be taken from Prime Contractors in the following classification/s: 1542-01-General Contractors/Institutional.
 The Specified construction period is **180 calendar days**. The State of Indiana reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 A minority participation goal of **10%** has been set for this project.
Mark H. Mitchell,
Project Manager,
Sheila K. Snider, F.A.I.A.,
Director, Public Works
Pre-Bid Information: Pre-bid Meeting on March 8, 2001 @ 1:30pm @ the office of the Physical Plant Director, Indiana School for the Blind.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ESTIMATED UNDER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND OVER TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
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Blaissie Gunanan,
(317) 232-9248,
Project Manager,
Sheila K. Snider, F.A.I.A.,
Director, Public Works
Pre-Bid Information: Pre-bid meeting held on site at the Physical Plant Director's Office at 2:00 PM on March 2, 2001.

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Robert A. Burns, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 STATE OF INDIANA
 COUNTY OF MARION, ss
 IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
 CIVIL DIVISION
Universal Underwriters Group, a/s/o Don Sisk Pontiac, and Don Sisk Pontiac, Plaintiff,
-v- Angela Grismore and Anthony Bell, Defendants.
CAUSE NO. 49D10-0010-CP-1468
NOTICE OF SUIT
 The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
 You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: **Complaint for Damages.**
 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: **Angela Grismore, 6310 Wallard Drive, Apartment B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224-4406** and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: **Anthony Bell.**
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Sarah M. Taylor,
 Clerk

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SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
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 COUNTY OF MARION, ss
 IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
 CIVIL DIVISION
In Re: The Marriage of Kenneth S. McDonald, Plaintiff,
-v- Rita McDonald, Defendant.
CAUSE NO. 49D12-0102-DR-203
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Claude J. Covelli, Atty.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 STATE OF WISCONSIN
DANE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT,
STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE COMPANY, a foreign insurance corporation, and TODD ANTHONY, Plaintiffs,
v. MARK A. LOVELL
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CASE NO. 01SC93
CLASSIFICATION: 31001
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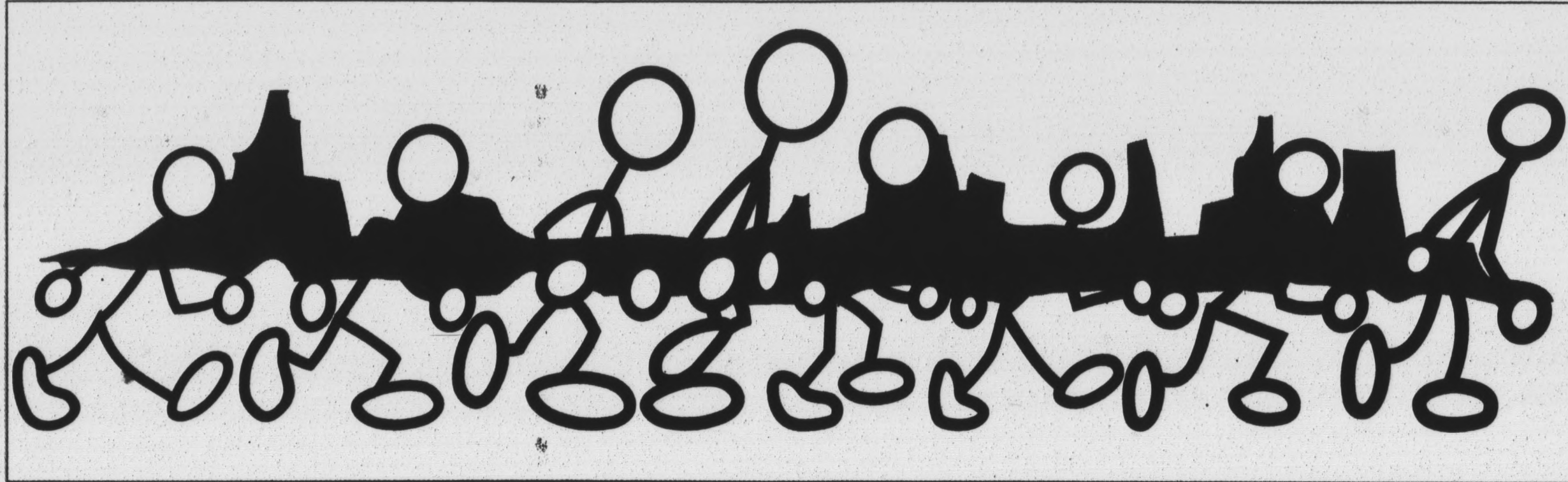
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Start slowly

We hear it everywhere — from our doctors, the media, family, and friends. Exercise, stay active, work out, join a fitness class. The importance of staying physically fit is well-documented and well-publicized, and yet for many people, the thought of adding another task to an already overwhelmingly busy day is just too much.

There is good news, though. Dedicating even 15 minutes per day, three days per week to physical activity can be a key step to improv-

The great news is that these 15 minutes need not be spent in an arduous, can't-catch-your-breath workout. Cleaning the house, planting bulbs, or briskly walking through the mall are useful ways of breaking into the exercise routine. And when you build up your stamina and are able to continuously maintain these light activities for an hour, you'll lose up to 240 calories, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*.

As you become more ac-

customed to physical activity and begin to recognize the benefits to your health, the time you dedicate to exercise and the intensity of the activity will likely increase. At this point, if you spend an hour gardening or walking briskly, you'll burn roughly 370 calories. Not enough? Jogging and swimming burn 580, and running and racquetball burn a cool 740.

But getting started is always a hurdle. "Exercise routines are hard to start and maintain," acknowledges Maria Gomez-Murphy, president of the Way of the Heart: The Promotora Institute.

"What we do," she said, "is try to involve family and friends to support clients in their achievement of wellness goals. We, at the Institute, try to create a supportive atmosphere in our exercise classes — a kind of pseudo family."

"In such a 'family-like' environment, the benefits of exercise extend beyond physical benefits to include social, emotional, and even spiritual support," she said.

Keeping it interesting

"One of the keys to maintaining a consistent workout is actually finding variety in your exercise choices," Gomez-Murphy explains.

"Walk, bike, skate, row. The more diverse your workout, the more likely it is that you'll stick to it."

"Our routines are varied and a wide variety of music is used," explains Gomez-Murphy. "Sometimes we have pretty energetic Latin salsa that draws passersby to inquire about our exercise classes. The exercise classes are so successful, we could have classes three times a day, every day, and still be at capacity!"

Remember the benefits

The benefits of exercise are undeniable. According to the

National Women's Health Information Center Web site, those who exercise regularly enjoy advantages such as:

- Reduced risk of heart disease and obesity
- Lower blood pressure
- Diabetes prevention and healthy management
- Healthier bones, muscles, and joints
- Greater likelihood for improved mood and confidence

Consistency is the key, experts emphasize. Commit to a schedule that includes regular exercise — activity at least three days per week, every week. Remember, through

regular exercise, you can improve your physical, mental, and spiritual well-being and take a giant stride along the path to better health.

Pick Your Path to Health is a national public health campaign sponsored by the Office on Women's Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For other tips on improving your health, or for more information on the Pick Your Path to Health campaign, call 1-800-994-WOMAN or visit the National Women's Health Information Center at www.4woman.gov.

Lawmakers push to overturn Bush abortion move

By JANELLE CARTER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several lawmakers are trying to reverse an order by President Bush prohibiting U.S. foreign aid to family-planning organizations involved in abortion. Their legislation, introduced in the House and Senate last week, is in response to actions Bush took in his first week of office.

Bush signed a memorandum on Jan. 22 that reversed the Clinton administration's position on unrestricted family-planning aid and barred U.S. aid to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

A 1973 law already prevented foreign organizations from using U.S. dollars to pay for abortions.

"Bush's gag rule flies in the face of our democratic

principles by preventing organizations abroad from practicing free speech," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

"There is no doubt about the urgent need for family planning. When the issue is plain that U.S. funds are not going to be used for abortion ... the funds ought to be available," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. The fate of the legislation is uncertain. It is likely to fair better in the Senate, which is split 50-50 among Democrats and Republicans, some of whom are co-sponsors. In the House, where Republicans hold a five-seat majority, the measure is likely to face strong opposition from anti-abortion lawmakers.

Many foreign organizations are worried they may lose dollars needed to provide information on birth control and prenatal care as well as services such as pap smears and HIV screening.

The Bush administration said aid recipients can provide post-abortion care without losing U.S. dollars. Critics have complained the ruling will increase the number of illegal abortions in some parts of the world.

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N. any spontaneous expulsion of an embryo or a fetus before before it is sufficiently developed to survive.

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Study finds Lilly osteoporosis drug can reduce breast cancer risk

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A four-year study of Eli Lilly and Co.'s osteoporosis drug Evista has found that it significantly reduces the risk of breast cancer in older women.

Final data from the study, "are remarkably consistent" with the study's preliminary findings, said Dr. Pamela Wang Anderson, a Lilly senior clinical researcher.

"They're important medical findings to patients, and important to physicians," Anderson said in a published story.

The Lilly-sponsored study of 7,705 post-menopausal women found that taking Evista once a day reduced by 84 percent a patient's risk of being diagnosed with the most common type of breast cancer.

Evista also reduced the risk of getting another invasive breast cancer by 72 percent.

In the study, which was completed in 1999, three equal-sized patient groups took either a sugar pill or two forms of Evista.

Over the four years, 70 new cases of the two forms of breast cancer were confirmed among the 2,576 placebo-takers. But among the 5,129 women taking Evista, only 32 cases of the two cancers were confirmed.

The findings are "encouraging" for Lilly, which is doing further large-scale studies with the intent of seeking Food and Drug Administration approval to market Evista for breast cancer prevention, said Dr. Leo Plouffe Jr. of Lilly.

Since the Lilly study was aimed at measuring Evista's effect on osteoporosis — or thinning of the bones — its

cancer findings are secondary and cannot be used in a request for FDA marketing approval for breast cancer, said Anderson.

Two new patient trials are under way to test Evista's ability to ward off breast cancer in older women, but their results could be years away.

Evista is a selective estrogen receptor modulator that gives older women the benefits of the female hormone estrogen, yet curtails its role in promoting cancer tumors.

The market for a new breast cancer drug would be large because breast cancer is the second most prevalent cancer, afflicting one of eight women.

One drug, Nolvadex, made by the British firm AstraZeneca is approved in the United States for breast cancer prevention.

AstraZeneca sued Lilly in 1999, alleging it was improperly promoting unapproved claims for Evista as a breast cancer preventative. A federal judge ordered Lilly to stop the practice.

Lilly's new findings, to be published in the upcoming issue of the journal *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*, are expected to boost Evista's use by women worried about breast cancer.

Though the FDA hasn't approved Evista for that use, doctors are free to prescribe the drug for breast cancer.

Evista was Lilly's fastest-growing major drug last year, posting a 60 percent jump in sales to \$521 million. Evista was first marketed in 1997 for osteoporosis.

